

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 10:44:37 1994
From: Reid Simmons <R.Simmons@mi04.zds.com>
Subject:

Text item: Text_1

Does anyone out there have a Heath SB300/301/302/303 receiver that might be considered a "basket case" available for parts? A friend of mine just acquired an excellent SB303 and SB401 for \$40.00 total price (some people have all the luck) at a garage sale. The only major problem is that the SB303 has some missing and/or broken dial mechanism parts. I have the part numbers and descriptions.

He used to work for Heath, and I work for a spin-off of Heath but our contacts at Heath indicate that this stuff might be too old for there still to be parts available.

Thanks.

Reid NZ8K

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:59:57 1994
From: Nothing in moderation...! <brewer@anarky.enet.dec.com>
Subject: .01's in BC348s

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Shoould I bother checking them, or just replace them all?
/john

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 12:41:38 1994
From: linscot@is.rice.edu (Steve Linscott)
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There are six "above deck" near the slanted subchassis that holds the 6K7's. One is in the BFO can. The rest are "below deck" : two on tube sockets, and the rest on the vertical boards. Yes, they look like large postage stamps. For the ones on the boards, just clip one lead and solder the disk across the board terminals.

- Steve -

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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 12:59:38 1994
From: "MELUCAS, MARC P." <MELUCAS@wsmc-mis.af.mil>
Subject: 19 Inch Rack

Greetings All!

Anyone in or near California who wishes to own one really strong 19-inch rack, free of charge, reply back please. I have one too many. This rack is 5 feet tall, 26 inches deep, and quite robust. I live in Lompoc, near Vandenberg AFB.

Marc, KB0JPQ

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 18:07:28 1994
From: post@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu
Subject: A few boat-anchor sightings

Ohio University Electronic Communication

Date: 20-May-1994 05:31pm EST

To: Remote Addressee
(_MX%"boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu")

From: Richard Post

Dept: Instructional Media

Services

POST

Tel No:

Subject: A few boat-anchor sightings

Spotted at the Schooley's Mountain, N.J. AWA (Antique Wireless Association) sponsored meet last Saturday.

Two Hallicrafters S-20R fair condition \$45 and \$90 (two different sellers who took them back home)

--Bought my S-20R at Dayton. (a few hours before Noah was seen gathering animals two by two. There's something about 2 meter HT's in quantity that seems to attract clouds ;-). Has very good to excellent cosmetics for \$40. Needed some work inside but that's half the fun for me. Did any of you grab the other 3 Hallis the fellow in the second or third row from the bottom had for sale? (the side away from the building. I believe one was an S-20 asking \$45 and one was a Marine with an asking of \$65. Forgot the other one, also with an asking price of \$65.--

Back to New Jersey AWA:

Halli S38D	good cosmetics	\$15
Halli S38E	very good cosmetics	\$25
Heath AR-3	good	\$40 (more than I paid for mine when new as a kit! Of course those were hard-earned paper-route 1959 dollars.)
Halli SX-77	good	\$30
Halli S-19	Sky Buddy good	\$50
National NC-200	very good	asking \$55. took \$45;
Offered it a ride to Ohio.		

American Bosch 1930's larger table model, wood cabinet in need of refinishing and a couple of knobs but veneer is tight and in place. Large round green and red dial, has RF stage and 2 shortwave bands. Chassis very clean. Asked \$5 which was quickly given. It also needed a ride to Ohio.

A couple of German table model tube radios, English markings with the usual LW, BC, SW, and FM bands and white piano key buttons, One large radio and one mid size. Blond wood cabinets need a thorough cleaning. Wanted a ride to Ohio at \$5 each. Looks like a couple of fun, barefoot project radios (hard to get schematics on these, therefore usually have to do without. Biggest problem on these seems to be a thorough application of contact cleaner/ lubricant on piano key switch contacts.)

For you Heath price collectors, SB301 / 401 combo with papers, cables, and a mike said to be in good op. condition with very good cosmetics

brought the \$125 minimum bid at the Huntington Museum of Radio and Technology meet last month.

Also at the Huntington meet flea market, a Halli S38-E in excellent condition for \$15. I just missed that one. I also missed the Atwater Kent 10 breadboard tuner part for \$5. (Anyone have the TA unit (the 3 tube amplifier cluster) metal ring for one of those?, or the rheostat on the left side of the breadboard?)

Re: the discussion on parts sources from dumpster diving. Definitely a politically-correct activity. Its called RECYCLING.

Happy hunting, fixing, operating, and recycling,

Rich "Aw Honey, they need a good home" Post

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Athens, OH 45701

Received: 20-May-1994 05:34pm

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:37:57 1994
From: Paul (GW7KES) <pdu@unixa.nerc-barry.ac.uk>
Subject: Armed Forces Day?

Boatanchor Bob,`

What's the idea behind this armed forces day. Is that they get to transmit on the ham bands, and hams get to work them or what?

(Excuse my ignorance)

Paul, GW7kES.

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 12:43:49 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: Re: Armed Forces Day?

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No problems..... yer not ignorant there mate, we all are when the wash come in..... (:+{}{}.....

The basic armed forces day thing started way back about 1930 when the hams did some things with the army and later navy as a functional thing to promote good vibes and training between the two types of services (military and civilian). I forget what it was called back then, but my OM who was an army op at Ft Sam Houston back in the late 20's and early 30's ran a station as part of his duties that was associated with this function (5AIN, W5AIN and later W5OW) (there is an interesting picture of W5OW in a 1932 or so QST in the stations section). This cooperative function led to a lot of good will and a source of trained ops that were valuable when WWII rolled around.

Later, I am not sure what happened (other BA fellas can hopefully fill in the blanks here). Along in the past several decades the celebration of Armed Forces Day (21 May) has led to operations by MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) stations (run by the military and civilians [hams]) that also promote good will between the services and the hams (also technically a service if one reads the regs carefully). These operations include a special message sent from the Secretary of State to all such stations participating in the celebration. The MARS stations are very fine about QSLing and will send some wall paper as a certificate to you if you successfully copy the message (sent on 60wpm RTTY or 25wpm CW). They will QSL just for a crossband contact. The times etc have been posted several time on the nets recently, and are in QST, although QST just published a time correction from 211200UTC to 211400UTC rather than what was published before.

It is a fun operation, and a neat way to support the cooperation and good will between the services, nothing more.....

If you have a chance I heartly recommend working the OM's/YL's from NMN. They are crackerjack ops of the first water, and may be running the station using the same equipment they normally use every day (10kw collins rigs and as fine a receiving system as you ever saw). If you want to hear some FB CW operations, listen to the run at keydown from NMN. If RM3 Morales is on watch that day, he runs a particularly mean key.....(:+{}{}.....

I years past I have received the message using both RTTY and CW, but now just try to QSL and pick up the CW msg if I can. If you are into collecting QSLs and wallpaper, this is a fine way to do it.

Any Boatanchorites have other comments about the celebration?

Now is the time to fill in the blanks and make them known.

73 TU SU SK DE NA4G

Bob

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 13:16:30 1994
From: "J. D. Delancy" <k1zat@bah.com>
Subject: Re: Armed Forces Day?

Paul,

Armed Forces Day is this weekend. What happens is the US military stations (like AIR the AF station at Andrews) will transmit on one of their assigned frequencies and announce where they are listening. I'm suppose to be working at AIR this weekend on the 20 meter part. Transmit will be 14408 and listening will be someplace around 14300.

Almost all of the "big" US military radio stations will be participating, check the April QST for a complete list of frequencies, station calls, and QSL information. Calls such as WAR, NPG, AIR, NAM are the norm.

AFD is "wrapped" up when the annual message from the Secretary of Defense is transmitted in RTTY and CW. One hundred percent copy submission to the transmitting station nets you a nice looking "Certificate of Achievement".

(cq armed forces day, listening 14299, this is alpha india romeo over).

jd

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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 06:03:08 1994
From: Paul (GW7KES) <pdu@unixa.nerc-barry.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: Armed Forces Day?

On Thu, 19 May 94 12:37:42 EDT, rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu (R. D. Keys) wrote:

>>QST just published a time correction from 211200UTC to 211400UTC rather
>>than what was published before.

So, is that the time of the RTTY message winding it up?

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>>good will between the services, nothing more.....

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Well, unfortunately the lowest frequency I'm licensed to transmit on is
50MHz, I've learnt the code, but I'm nowhere near up to speed yet.

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>>just try to QSL and pick up the CW msg if I can. If you are into
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Well, none of my boatanchors are up and running yet, although we are making
progress tracking down the fault in the R109, so I might be able to receive
the RTTY broadcast using my FRG-100 and ERA Microreader.

>>Any Boatanchorites have other comments about the celebration?

73!

Paul, GW7KES.

(The 7 means class B (VHF and up only) Other numbers for class B are
1, 6, and 8. Class A's (Full licence) are denoted by 0, 2, 3 and 4.

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 13:59:12 1994
From: Hugh D. Stegman <driver8@red-eft.la.ca.us>
Subject: Re: Armed Forces Day?

The MARS stations operate on their regular band segments, well out of the
amateur bands. I don't recall any frequencies at this moment, but they're all
in QST and the W1AW bulletins. It's only fairly recently that riceboxes could
receive this far out of band. There was a long period when people without
boatanchors were S.O.L..

Calling is in the amateur bands and there are usually some pretty good pileups. I used to use a separate rx with a relay to short the antenna when transmitting, though the wires to the relay got plenty of signal anyway. Idea was to listen on both freqs, to find yourself a clear spot.

These days with dual watch it's a snap. Too bad. Makes the pileups worse.

This really is a good way to pick up some nice wallpaper. When else can you get 2-ways confirmed with callsigns like WAR, AIR, NMN...

Hugh NV6H

"SNAP... dahdit didididah dahdidididit didididit SNAP. Hisssssssssss..."

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 20:18:43 1994

From: "J. D. Delancy" <k1zat@bah.com>

Subject: Re: Armed Forces Day?

On Fri, 20 May 1994, Hugh D. Stegman wrote:

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> amateur bands. I don't recall any frequencies at this moment, but they're all

Not all of them that far out of the bands. 4025, 4008, 13993, 7331 come to mind.

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> receive this far out of band. There was a long period when people without
> boatanchors were S.O.L..

My boatanchor Swan 500C could do some of them.

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I'll be at AIR tomorrow working 20 meters (xmit on 14408 USB).

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> get 2-ways confirmed with callsigns like WAR, AIR, NMN...

Or the certificate that goes with copy the secretary of defense's annual message for that matter.

CQ Boatanchors listening 14300 this is alfa india romeo ?

jd

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 09:45:02 1994
From: djw@unlinfo.unl.edu (Daniel Wright)
Subject: Associated Radio

Well..... since my smartass remark never made it to the "list",
I thought I would ask a legitimate question. Anyone have any experience
with Associated Radio in Overland Park,Kansas?? I plan to be in KC on the
Memorial Day weekend. I am still looking for a BA transmitter to go with
my SX-115 (doesn't necessarily have to be a Hallicrafters),and thought I
might give this outfit a look. Conventional wisdom says that you'll pay
more at a commercial vendor,but after seeing some of the "asking" prices
at Dayton, I'm not so sure!! Any war stories would be appreciated.

Thank Yoooooooo!! Dan -- WA0JRD

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 16:23:00 1994
From: djw@unlinfo.unl.edu (Daniel Wright)
Subject: Re: Associated Radio

>I wish your son good luck--I hope you do get a chance to sneak away
>for some "candy-store" time...by the way, what sort of ham retailer(s)
>do you have up in your neck of the woods?

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>73 de aa0ms

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Well.... I tell 'ya ,Doug... we got zip up here.....
Except for a place in Omaha named "Ladd Electronics". I had a similar
experience to yours with these folks(actually it's one guy). He tried
for a while to appeal to collectors of old tube gear. He would advertise
in the paper asking anyone with any older ham gear to bring it in and
he would make them a "good offer". Well, I imagine quite a few people
drug their boatanchors in and when they got there were told that the
equipment was worthless!! He had,several years ago, an outstanding
assortment of the 'ol American name gear from the 50's and 60's. Prices
a bit steep,but you could deal with him somewhat. To make a long story
somewhat shorter I purchased a Johnson Invader 200 in absolutely pristine
condition,a Hallicrafters sx101,and a National NC-303. I checked the receivers

while in the store and he assured me that the transmitter was fully functional. After all it did look spotless. Many weeks passed before I could get the Invader on the air and when I did, I found the thing to be totally unstable!! The frequency would warble and drift....it sounded like a musical instrument gone wild on CW and totally unintelligible on voice modes!! Naturally when I called him he professed to know nothing about any problems with the rig and would not even discuss taking it back or lowering the price. I had bought the rig and now it was mine!!! :-<

About a year later I called him because he was still running the "bring in your old gear" ad in the Omaha weird Herald. I had acquired some nice Hallicrafters stuff that I did not have room for and wanted to see what I could get for it. He did not know at the time that I had purchased gear from him in the past. He gave me the "it's probably not worth much" speech but said if I would drive over from Lincoln he would take a look. When I told him who I was and what I had bought from him he told me to forget it!! So 'ya see... it happens to all of us some of the time, I just hope it doesn't happen to some of us all of the time!!

So I'm still looking for that pristine Ranger I or II.....

73 Dan.....WA0JRD

ps. maybe I'll post this to the list..... someone be sure to tell me if this kind of thing is taboo. Maybe someday I can relate my wonderful experiences with Henry Radio in Butler, Missouri...they were a great place to buy gear in the '60's.

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 04:52:16 1994
From: David Josephson <david@josephson.com>
Subject: B&K Acoustic Boatanchors

Anyone on this list with bits and pieces of Bruel and Kjaer acoustic test equipment boatanchors? I make microphones, and I rely on mid 60's vintage B&K gear for primary calibration and it all works just fine (that is, of course, after spending several months doing the equivalent of rebuilding some fried R-388's _and_ an MGB). I have most of the manuals and calibration instructions if anyone is interested.

I was reminded of the list here when a disgruntled customer wanted a real live pen plot rather than the computer-driven fft printout that I use for day-to-day calibration. It had been several months, but of course BA equipment wakes up and is pleased to run once more, even with its synchronous motors, electric clutches, chain drive, etc. etc.

What I need now is their turntable, type 3922, 3921 or similar.

This is just a simple beast with a geared synchronous motor running at 3/4 rpm, which can be linked to the chart recorder for polar plots of microphones, speakers, antennas, etc. Anyone see any of these around?

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David Josephson - Josephson Engineering - San Jose, CA
<david@josephson.com>

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 03:50:20 1994
From: X90GALBRAIT1@wmich.edu
Subject: BA Intro and such...

Greetings to all who have enriched my BA experience and enlightened by meager knowledge in the past couple o' months I've been receiving the list!

Following a few other chaps who have introduced themselves and described their BA-ness, I'll do the same...

My first experience with boatanchors, and ham radio itself, was when I was in elementary school. I was staying at an uncle's house during a power outage due to a big ice storm in Michigan (late 70s I think). Anyways, I was watching the Munster's on TV-the episode when Herman gets a bunch of old ham radio gear and thinks he's making contact with space aliens. They turned out to be kids down the street with BA handy-talkies. I can't recall the gear that was in the show, but it was neato enough for me to investigate as much as a ten year old is capable. I had my novice by 12, and extra by 14. My first true love had a heart of tungsten (or whatever tube fils are made of).

My first rig was a Heath HW-16/HG-10B...extra nice on CW with QSK (not that I needed it then) and a pretty sharp passband. Next I acquired a Swan 500 from a chap in PA from an ad in QST. It took me quite a while to find a suitable mike, but finally got a ride from my pop to Ferris Radio in Detroit and my first D-104! I've used the Swan for a few years-a wonderful first SSB rig.

I dropped out of the hobby while in high school and the first few years of college, but have recently re-entered with passion. I moved into the basement of a house here by campus and, with lots of room to accumulate, have picked up a Heath DX-100, a Hammarlund HQ-170, and a Drake C-line (as state of the art of a rig I'll ever need!). I'm still working on getting the DX-100 and HQ-170 hooked up with a T/R switch, but until I work it out I enjoy flipping the three switches! The info on the BA list has given quite a few ideas of how I may set it up!

Anyhow, I've always loved the heavy stuff, my favorite "era" being the mid-late fifties and early sixties. Hallicrafters, Collins, Heath, and Hammarlund fill my head every night before nodding off. The words which could properly explain my love escape me right now, but the magic of shortwave

the glow of the vacuum tubes, and the style of the old rigs sends me time after time.

As of

\$6Ef now, I am looking for a BA general coverage reciever, such as an R-390 of R-390A, Hammarlund HQ-180/A/AC.

I am inexperienced with these RXs, so if someone could answer a few stupid questions, I'd be grateful.

I've heard that the R-390A's audio is horrible, but many mods can widen it up. How difficult is it to perform these mods (I'm no engineer, but have replaced many-a-cap and soldered many a PL-259).

Also, is the R-390A far superior to the R-390 in ways other than having mechanical filtering?

Last, does the "/URR" designation stand for the SSB adapter for the R-390A? The Fair Radio ad reads R-390A/URR.

If anyone has got such a beautiful craft for sale, please e-mail! Otherwise I'll probably drop by Fair Radio next time on goin' south!

73 and best wishes to all,
Thanks for making my account useful!

Chris, KA8WFC

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 11:36:13 1994
From: JosephWP@aol.com
Subject: Re: BA Intro and such...

Hi Chris!

Some will undoubtedly disagree with me, but I find that the audio on the R-390A is not that bad. It can be improved with some mods, several of which are out there, BUT I find that the single most significant problem is that too often folks don't use the proper speaker with the set. 8 ohm speakers degrade performance. The audio out is designed for 600 ohms. Fine a good matching transformer and use a good speaker and the audio is not that bad.

The A model's main difference is the mechanical filters - but they are a significant difference. Otherwise the sets are quite similar, but by no means identical.

The /URR designation is part of military nomenclature - like ARC, ARN, GRC etc. Set configurations are identified by three letters and a number - the first letter designates use - A for airborne, G for ground, U for utility, etc; the second letter designates another aspect of use - R for radio, P for radar, etc.; the third letter designates function - C for communications, N for navigation, R for receiver, T for transmitter, etc. The R-390A is part of a radio receiving group (actually used in a number of configurations) designated URR - (whatever the number is, cannot remember).

The SSB adapter for the set is the CV-591 (CV standing for converter).

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 16:42:34 1994

From: Jon Brown <jcbrown@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu>

Subject: Re: BA Intro and such...

Greetings: I have an R-390A that I bought from Fair Radio. I use it every day and love it. I think the sound quality is rather good. I'm using the LS-166 speaker (also available from Fair). BTW, they sell complete, checked units, but this does not mean they are aligned. Fair's checked radios basically work, but if you want the best performance it is a good idea to have it aligned by someone who knows what they are doing. I don't do this myself, but there are several knowledgeable dealers who can do this for you. I used MilSpec Communications in Rhode Island; they also sell complete radios.

I'm just using 100 ft. of #14 wire for an antenna, stretched between 2 trees; this seems to work fine. This radio pulls in everything.

My understanding is that the R-390 was the original successor to the R-388, both designed by Collins for military use. The R-390 was so good that soon everybody wanted one. In order to meet the demand a cost reduction unit was designed; the goal was a cheaper radio with performance equal to the R-390. I have a copy of the development study for the R-390A and I can steer you to your own copy if you want one.

I don't think the R-390A is HIGHLY SUPERIOR to the R-390, but it is just as good in most respects, and better in some. The R-390 has 6 IF stages, vs. 4 in the R-390A. The R-390 has a squelch, which the R-390A lacks. I guess most people feel that the most significant innovation of the R-390A was the mechanical filters. They do indeed work very well. I use the 4mHz. filter for most DX listening.

In short, the R-390A is a great radio, but so is the R-390. At some point I'd like to get an R-390, just to compare with the R-390A. BTW, my R-390A is made by E.A.C., the military affiliate of Hammarlund. The R-390s were all made by Collins or Motorola. With increased demand for the R-390A production was contracted out to a number of manufacturers. The radios are modular and very easy to repair. All the sub-assemblies (audio deck, power supply, etc.) unplug and unscrew easily. This means that just because the radio has a Collins face plate doesn't mean that all the components are Collins made, so

if someone tries to tell you that their R-390A is "all original Collins components" just smile and nod.

I recommend the R-390A without reservation. Davilyn also sells them, though I have never dealt with them. MilSpec also sells complete overhauled units. There are several other people who work on R-390As and sell them; check ads in Pop. Comm. and Monit. Times. If you get a good deal on a R-390, don't turn it down because you believe the 390A is superior. They are both excellent radios.

Sincerely, Christopher Brown

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:20:05 1994
From: linscot@is.rice.edu (Steve Linscott)
Subject: BC-348

I have an extra BC-348, and am looking for a spare R-392. Anybody want to trade? My 392 is an S-C, and I would like to find a Collins. The 348's are an -R and a -H. Both are excellent, original, with dynamotor, work great, and have had the .01 paper caps replaced with disks. I only have one 348 shock mount, paid a fortune for it (sucker, but wanted it REAL bad!), and am keeping it!

A copy of the BC-348 manual goes with either unit.

If no 392 offers appear, I would consider other military BA's.

Thanks!

- Steve -

* Steve Linscott, W5EGP *
* Office of Computing Services *
* Rice University *
* Houston, TX *

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 15:56:32 1994
From: linscot@is.rice.edu (Steve Linscott)
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From ab4el.com Mon May 23 15:04:56 1994

From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (CONTRACTOR Larry Keith;653 CCSG/SCT)

Subject: Big Boatanchor Bash in Central GA..

BIG BOATANCHOR BASH!!!
CENTRAL GEORGIA NATIONAL HAMFEST
PERRY, GEORGIA
August 6, 1994
0800-1500

Now is the time to begin planning to attend the Central Georgia National Hamfest at Perry, GA, on August 6, 1994. The hamfest will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, right off I-75, exit 42.

Activities include:

** The Boatanchor Forum.

** A Repeater Forum.

** How to become a Ham Forum.

VEC testing will be conducted. Walkins accepted.

Dealer spaces are available inside.

A large Bone Yard space, right outside the main

building, is available for FREE!

Refreshments available at the hamfest.

Lodging is available in the immediate vicinity of the hamfest.

Talk in: 146.25/85

If you would like more information, please contact

Larry Keith, KQ4BY
231 Shenandoah Trail
Warner Robins, GA 31088-6289
912-329-0030 (no calls after 10PM, EST, please!)

lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil

Hope to see you there!

73,

Larry, KQ4BY

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 09:41:47 1994

From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (CONTRACTOR Larry Keith;653 CCSG/SCT)

Subject: Big, Green, Heavy 28VDC PS - For Sale

With the acquisition of a new, regulated 28 VDC PS, I am now ready to get rid of the big, green, heavy 28 VDC supply that I was using to power my PRC-47. This unit is a military surplus power supply and filter unit. The primary can be switched to either 240VAC or 120 VAC >from the front panel. In either position, an additional switch will allow selection of three primary taps (i.e. 105, 115, and 125 volts). A voltmeter is included on the front panel. The transformer is rated at 40 amps and the selenium rectifier bridge is larger than some radios. The filter unit is in a separate box and connects to the PS via a cable. The filter is a pi-network, using plugin filter capacitors and a choke rated at 30 amps. Overall, the unit is in good condition. I had intended to replace the line cord and the "off-on" switch.

This thing is heavy.. Estimate that both units will exceed 100 lbs.. The price is right -- \$75.00. I will meet you within a four hour drive of Warner Robins, GA, to deliver this thing. Or, I can send it UPS, at your expense..

As always, trades and offers considered..

73,

Larry, KQ4BY

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:36:19 1994
From: don merz <71333.144@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: Champ 300, HQ-170/S-200

Not-Every-Day-Stuff

This gear is particularly nice.

WRL Globe Champion 300. Fine looking and working condition. BIG AM
signal. \$389 or best offer

Hammarlund HQ-170A with matching S-200 speaker (the large one). No mods.
Excellent condition. \$250 or separately: HQ-170A: \$145. S-200: \$110

From ab4el.com Mon May 23 12:27:04 1994
From: sgallagher@VNET.IBM.COM
Subject: COMDEX Day 1

Captured off IBM's TalkLink BBS, some 'trip reports' from
the Team OS/2 Trenches on Comdex Day 1.

Day 1 - Team OS/2, Atlanta, GA, USA

By: Robert Jensen

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My first day with Team OS/2 at COMDEX. After some brief
instructions, we went out to visit the exhibitors to help. We could
answer questions about OS/2, arrange to have OS/2 installed for demo use
during COMDEX, customize or fine tune an existing OS/2 computer, install
bitmap graphics demos, offer signs about "OS/2 Running Here," and
anything else that could be helpful.

Two of the first places wanted OS/2 installed, but only had 4MB of RAM.
When we mentioned that the beta version of "Personal OS/2" might be
available, they were very interested. We unsuccessfully tried to help
with one hardware problem which required three trips from the Team OS/2
suite. One place we visited twice mentioned that Microsoft's SWAT Team

arrived after we left the first time, were they following us? At the end of the day, I was especially impressed by what I learned from fellow Teamers and with how tired my feet were after all the walking.

By: Kevin Royalty and Paul Borowski

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We started our part of the day around 10:30 in the middle of the Main Comdex Floor. We began talking to many vendors, and were surprised that all were very interested in running their products under OS/2. The problem that we found was that at that time of the morning, many of the vendors were not there yet, just the booth setup crew, so we had to make multiple passes through the floor. It is a very interesting sight to see all the Team OS/2 people wearing the Coral/Pink shirts running all over the place installing, supporting and answering questions. We came upon several vendors that wanted to write OS/2 Device Drivers, and got them into contact with Doug Azzarito. Advice to future Team OS/2 Trade Show volunteers..."Wear Comfortable SHOES" and "Carry a map of the conference floor". We did get a few comments from the vendors about the Team OS/2 presence, which was very positive.

By: Jeff Lanzarotta (from Lexington Kentucky)

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We started our day in Windows World. To our surprise we found that some vendors were actually running OS/2. When we approached the vendors they first looked at us strange, the pink shirts maybe!! We told them we are not from IBM but from Team OS/2. After asking us several questions about Team OS/2 they seemed to loosen up a bit. We then asked them several questions about their products, and why they choose to run on OS/2 and the answer most of the vendors gave was, "It (OS/2) is much more superior then Windows."

By: Larry Maloney (from Cincinnati Ohio)

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Several people said, "Hey there goes those OS/2 guys!" Lotus's display of SmartSuite was excellent. Several vendors said they asked for help from the Microsoft people, and none of them helped. When we (Team OS/2 members) came around, we were able to fix their problems. These problems weren't limited to OS/2, but included: Novell Networks, hardware, DOS and Windows.

I helped another Team OS/2'er setup a system in DELL's area. We were trying to install the higher resolution video drivers for the TSENG card. The problem we were running into was, that every time we ran DSPINSTL, the floppy drive wouldn't read. However, if we re-booted the machine, you could access the floppy just fine. So, we copied the video drivers disks on to a directory on the hard-drive, and viola it worked.

Everyone seem very insterested in multi-media systems. There was one vendor that was selling industrial 19" rack mount systems, even they had a multi-media system.

I saw several Microsoft people running around in tee shirts that said "SWAT TEAM".

Doug Azzarito (from Boca Raton, FL)

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As usual, setup day was hectic, but the team of volunteers we have here could handle anything. We were all impressed with the interest in "Personal OS/2" from the vendors (I'm writing this note on a machine running Personal OS/2). This product is really going to leap off the shelves. We tackled our share of "interesting" problems today - one vender asked us to install on a system with a defective floppy drive, a bad floppy cable, and a bad SIMM. After some hardware swaps, we got OS/2 2.11 installed, and then set up Lotus SmartSuite for them. Another vendor watched as I coaxed OS/2 onto a machine (must have taken 2 hours), and commented that Microsoft dropped off software, came back a while later to ask if they got it installed properly - when the vendor showed them a list of questions, the Microsoft guy just shrugged and left. The only problem TEAM OS/2 has is getting the vendors to really believe us when we say we VOLUNTEER for this kind of work (we have to - no one could pay these people what they're worth!)

The team is really showing the typical Team OS/2 never-say-die attitude. Even when Everex said "we'd like to run OS/2, but this machine doesn't have a display adapter," our team went to ATI, convinced them to loan Everex a PCI video card, and then installed OS/2. ATI got to put a sign in Everex's booth, Everex got another machine running, and OS/2 gets more visibility.

As usual, security had to kick us out of the place so they could lock up. I know that all the teamers who survived Sunday will have just as much fun finishing up our installs on Monday.

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A couple of further comments from Team OS/2 HQ:

All in all 48 volunteers came to help out Team OS/2 on Sunday. We quickly ran out of some of the shirts that have the volunteer logo's on them. For those that aren't here, the front of the shirt has the OS/2 logo on it, with the word volunteer underneath it. The back of the shirt says:

Team OS/2
Comdex / Spring '94
Atlanta

OS/2 Installation and Support
You Call, We Install

More news tomorrow!

Steve Gallagher LAN Interconnect Products sgallagher@vnet.ibm.com
The Home Of RouteXpander/2 version 2.0

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 16:54:12 1994
From: JosephWP@aol.com
Subject: CQ Mags

I need help.

Am looking for the following CQ Magazine years:

1971 - 1976

If anyone can help, let me know.

Joseph +

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 19:06:31 1994
From: Jeffrey Herman <jherman@uhunix.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu>
Subject: Re: CQ Mags

Joseph and the Gang,

Our research library (University of Hawaii at Manoa) has bounded back issues of CQ and QST. You might be able to obtain a short term loan through the Inter-library Loan System. Check with your nearest public or college library to see if they are part of this system.

If you need particular articles photocopied I can help you. Let me know the specific issue and article.

.73,
Jeff NH6IL

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 07:22:03 1994
From: JosephWP@aol.com
Subject: Re: CQ Mags

Thanks for the suggestion, but I am really looking to purchase these issues of CQ.

Joseph +

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 18:04:15 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: CWIST Friday Night Fist Function

OK, Gang.....

Only one posting this week, and hopefully all will receive it in time.

Bob

Note that only two frequencies are given for this week, to try and get more folks aboard. If the novices on 40 meters come up with a better or alternate frequency to get out of the mud, let me know. The 80 meter frequency is always clear sailing.....

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182228UTC MAY 94
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TO ALL CW OPS WORLDWIDE BT
CWIST FRIDAY NIGHT FIST FUNCTION.
ALL ABOARD PLEASE QSW/QSX 3702.5/7102.5KHZ 0400UTC 20/MAY/94.
GET ON THE AIR AND ENJOY A PLAIN CW EVENING ON THE 40/80 METER BANDS.
USE A REAL HAND KEY (A STRAIGHT SENDING IRON OR BUG IS ENCOURAGED).
CALL CWIST IMI DE YOURCALL K.
ENJOY OLD-TIME AMATEUR RADIO AND TRY SOME FRIENDLY BRASS POUNDING.
EXCHANGE MORE THAN RST QTH NAME HELLO AND GOODBYE.
HELP ALONG THE NEW HAMS ON CW TO GET THEIR SPEED UP.
TELL A FAIR YARN OR TWO AMONG FELLOW CWISTS AND RAGCHEW A WHILE.
TELL SOME HISTORY ABOUT THE OLD-TIME DAYS AND YOUR EXPERIENCES IN RADIO.
IF YOU ARE AN OLD TIMER PLEASE JOIN IN AND SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES.
IF YOU WERE EVER A PROFESSIONAL PLEASE JOIN IN AND SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES.
USE BOATANCHOR GEAR IF YOU HAVE IT AVAILABLE OR WHATEVER YOU HAVE.
SEE YOU THERE OM/YL.
73 TU SU DE NA4G BOB AR

Greetings CWISTS and Boatanchorites:

I will be on again at 0400UTC for the continuing saga of the Sacred and Most Honorable Friendly Society of Brass Pounding Fist Functioning CWISTS.

This week lets cut down to two frequencies, the traditional 3702.5khz and 7102.5khz. This will hopefully insure that all can be heard and not be running all over the bands. If things get crowded, QSY plus or minus QRM/QRN/CWISTS to spread out a bit.

Standard time: Friday Nights at 0400UTC

Standard freq: 80 meters --- 3702.5 khz for all aboard.

40 meters --- 7102.5 khz for all aboard.

Standard calling signal: CWIST IMI DE <yourcall> K

Let us all work together to continue to advance and promote the friendly use of CW on the amateur radio bands.

Let us continue to assist and help the newcomers and slowspeeds who are trying to get their CW going.

Let us to continue to promote the use of whatever gear you have up and available, be it the newest of sorts or the oldest boatanchor. Remember, CW generation has not changed since the days of arcs, Alexanderson alternators, and Pliotrons.

Let us continue to promote the sharing and fellowship of the history and traditions of amateur radio (this includes all you OTs out there that have all sorts of goodly tidbits of history to relate to the young squirts on the block, and it includes all you young squirts on the block who, even though a bit new at CW and radio are the future of the service hobby or profession).

Let us continue to promote the ``elmering'' of all of our new folks by the old timers aboard, in any way that we can.

So, OTs aboard, young squirts in the wings, high-speed aficionados of the art, and slow-speed ragchewers, join in on the fun. If your equipment is old boatanchor, so what. If your signal is a bit weak or chirpy, so what. If your antenna is just a mere piece of wire up into the trees, so what. YOU can still join in and participate. YOU are the folks who will make it what it can be, a goodly learning time and an enjoyable evening for all.

See You There OM/YL.....

73 TU SU SK DE NA4G
Bob

* 73 TU SU SK DE NA4G ``Boat Anchor Bob'', an ol' CW fart. *

 * Morse has been in the family for over 100 years. *
 * Morse radiotelegraphy (Spark/CW) has been in the family since 1914. *

 * May you have fair winds and following seas on your watch at the key. *

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:41:01 1994
 From: mallick@ausable.crd.ge.com (John Mallick)
 Subject: Drake R4-C power supply...

I was looking at the schematic for my R4-C this morning (s/n 24xxx), and I noticed that it has a pretty bizarre power supply design. Examples: the 11Vdc for the PTO is derived from a simple voltage dropping resistor up to the 150V plate supply; the 14Vdc supply "regulating" pass transistor whose base is connected via dropping resistors up to the 150V plate supply (!). If something failed there you could toast a lot of semiconductors...pretty scary to me.

Does Sherwood Eng. have a better power supply board? Would this be a worthwhile mod, even though the receiver would no longer be "original"? Given the good IC regulators around today, there has got to be a better way of doing this.

Any experiences out there?

73,

John

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Schenectady, NY 12301			FAX:	(518)-387-6560 (W)	
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"Work like hell. Tell everyone everything you know. Close a deal with a handshake. And have fun." --- "Doc" Edgerton

From ab4el.com Mon May 23 10:17:49 1994
 From: okas_rp%ncsd.dnet@gte.com
 Subject: Dumpster Diving

Hello All,

I've been following the dumpster diving thread and had a pleasant dive myself

this weekend. My club meets at a County facility and I found out there was a house cleaning going on. Needless to say, the dumpster yielded all sorts of goodies. Lots of electronic stuff and 2-way radios.

One dumpster refugee was a radio made by Aerotronics, in North Caroline, I believe. There was no model number, just the FCC type acceptance 625U (if my failing memory serves me correctly). It's a hybrid rig that appears to operate from either 115Vac or 12Vdc and has 3 tubes in the transmitter section. Anybody heard of this/have a manual?

Bob - N3MBY

"I tell the officials I'm recycling"

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 14:39:07 1994

From: HAK1%IC%DCPP@bangate.pge.com

Subject: Dumpster Diving.....

One of the best swapmeets for Dumpster Diving has got to be the TRW swapmeet in Redondo Beach, Ca. The group that runs the swapmeet has a BIG dumpster just about at the exit point from the swapmeet. At the end of the day that dumpster contains quite a bit of discarded equipment.

The Foothill swapmeet works a different way. Sellers will generally leave their spot at the end of the day and leave any equipment they want to discard at their display place. There are enough scroungers at that swapmeet so that the parking lot gets pretty well emptied at the end of the swapmeet.

I must admit to doing some of the scrounging at Foothill (an HP noise meter for parts and a 24v xfmr) but at TRW I just peered into the dumpster and shook my head.

I used to work at a manufacturing plant that made telecom gear (Continental Telephone) and used to watch the young scroungers go through our dumpster searching for parts and equipment. Quite a bit of useful stuff was discarded by the company and unfortunately I didn't take any of it before I left the company.

Hind sight is 20-20.

Howard AD6Y
hak1@pge.com

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 16:17:59 1994

From: Jeffrey Herman <jherman@uhunix.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu>

Subject: Dumpster Support Group

Dumpster Support Group

Whew! I am so glad to know there are others addicted to 'dumpster diving' in search of radio components. I thought I might have a few cold-solder joints upstairs for partaking in this activity on campus and at the harbors (yes, harbor dumpsters have yielded: a nice DF receiver, a VHF marine band transceiver, a shortwave receiver, a LORAN navigation receiver, various communication antennas, etc.)

I can now proudly hold my head up high as my head is submerged in the dumpster...

.73,
Jeff NH6IL

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 17:46:31 1994
From: "James H. Haynes" <haynes@cats.ucsc.edu>
Subject: Re: Dumpster Support Group

I just learned yesterday that we are no longer allowed to put unwanted computer equipment into the dumpster; I guess it's now considered hazardous waste.

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 15:19:30 1994
Subject: Re: Dumpster Support Group
From: Kevin Sanders <kevin@beacons.cts.com>

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> I can now proudly hold my head up high as my head is submerged in the
> dumpster...
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I haven't done this lately ;-)) but that's how I got my start as a teenager. Much to my folks' dismay I might add: they just didn't understand that those hulks I brought home to tinker with were *valuable* junk.

Kevin "Uh, dad, could you reset the breaker again?" KN6FQ

From ab4el.com Sun May 22 14:11:30 1994
From: Tim Shoppa <shoppa@altair.krl.caltech.edu>
Subject: Re: Dumpster Support Group

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I was lucky enough as a youngster to have some supportive parents.
The males in my family tend to collect *valuable* junk (my dad
collects old pocketwatches, shotguns, and stationary engines;
my brother is up to 7 motorcycles; etc.) and I got started collecting
Heathkits and Hallicrafters. My main rig is still the HW-100 I bought
with a year's allowance when I was 10 years old. (It seems that
HW-100's and 101's have held their value since then.)

My latest boatanchors have been old minicomputers, especially DEC
PDP-8's, PDP-11's, and VAXen. The number of these I've intercepted
on the way to the junkyard is amazing, and my house (and any area
I can scrounge at work) is filled with racks and racks of computers,
big (14") disk drives, 9-track reel-to-reel tape drives, etc.

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> Kevin "Uh, dad, could you reset the breaker again?" KN6FQ

Tell me about it! I'm trying to get a PDP-11/70 running again.
The original power distribution was big hefty three-phase, and
running it on the 120 volt circuits in my apartment can be very
trying. Luckily, it has real core (1 Megabyte in two 120-pound
MJ11 boxes) so no data is lost when the breaker trips.

Tim (shoppa@altair.krl.caltech.edu)
Kellogg Radiation Lab, Caltech.

From ab4e1.com Mon May 23 09:59:08 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: Re: Dumpster Support Group

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> I just learned yesterday that we are no longer allowed to put unwanted
> computer equipment into the dumpster; I guess it's now considered
> hazardous waste.
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Hey, that is great! The places can collect it up and just donate it
to the boatanchor/dumpsterites. Neat! We should develop and cultivate
that sort of working relationship with the companies about.... (:+{}....

Bob

From ab4el.com Mon May 23 13:55:10 1994
From: gottsmc@einstein.cnrs.humboldt.edu (Carl Peter Gottsmann)
Subject: Re: Dumpster Support Group

Gang,

Out here on the left coast, there is a growing movement to collect old computers, give em' a health ck and re-cycle em' into schools. A 286 will work just as well as a 486 to learn the basics.

73, de Carl, KN6AL

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 02:49:36 1994
From: gottsmc@einstein.cnrs.humboldt.edu (Carl Peter Gottsmann)
Subject: ether update!

Hey gang,

The ether's pretty magical tonight on 20 meters, 11pm pdt.
Great for prattle or pounding... Maybe a repeat tomorrow? :-)

73 Carl KN6AL ---. . . . --

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 12:56:33 1994
From: tech@cs.athabascau.ca (Richard Loken)
Subject: ether update!

I was listening to 80 and 40 for a few minutes last night after adding yet more radials to my HF2V. Both band sounded hot. I heard a couple AMers in CA on 3870 but the atmospherics have more punch then AM does this time of year.

Gee and I thought is was my antenna working better;)

I Also found that 160M on my R4 has quit along with all the other auxillary bands:(We'll leave that problem for September. No 150V to 14V dropping resistors to suspect in this old girl...

Richard Loken VE6BSV, Systems Programmer - VMS : "...underneath those
Athabasca University : tuques we wear, our heads
Athabasca, Alberta Canada : are naked!"
** tech@cs.athabascau.ca ** : - Aurthor Black

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 12:04:11 1994
From: "Tom Alverson" <TOMA@s1.xetron.com>
Subject: Re: ether update!

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> 73 Carl KN6AL ---. . . . --
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Even 10 was open from Ohio to Texas as late as 10:30 pm eastern.

From ab4el.com Mon May 23 13:42:57 1994
From: post@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu
Subject: European radio yarn (Was a few BA sightings)

Ohio University Electronic Communication

Date: 23-May-1994 01:01pm EST

To: Remote Addressee
(_MX%"boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu")

From: Richard Post
Services
POST

Dept: Instructional Media

Tel No:

Subject: European radio yarn (Was a few BA sightings)

>A couple of German table model tube radios, English markings
>Wanted a ride to Ohio at \$5 each. Looks like a couple of fun,
>barefoot project radios (hard to get schematics on these,

Richard L and others, Thanks for your comments, and the offer of schematic assistance on these radios purchased at the Schooley's Mountain AWA meet.

They are, respectively, a Tonfunk and a Graetz. Most beginning radio collectors are a bit afraid to tackle European radios, but they are electrically similar to any other superhet. Hopefully, if unique parts are not needed, they will join my big and beautiful Normende Tannhauser (a table model well over two feet wide with 6 speakers) and my Phillips. I picked up a nice Telefunken AM-FM tuner, (with SW and LW) at a hamfest a couple of weeks ago. It is (with due apologies to my fellow glass-blister BA enthusiasts) solid state. The matching amp is dead (blown fuses, suspect shorted output transistors). The tuner does a creditable job on SW and is sitting on top of my Pioneer AM-FM receiver at the moment. They match reasonably well size-wise and in wood cabinetry. Tuner has a green light that glows in relation to signal strength (a placebo for those who miss the green tuning eye?).

For you collectors of radio yarns, I met my wife-to-be by fixing a Phillips. She and I are both Dutch-Americans. Her parents had taken

a Phillips with them upon immigration to the U.S. (It is common for first-generation transplanted Americans to cluster together. There were a number of Dutch-American farm families in northern New Jersey who had literally "come over on the boat"). The Phillips had a loud frying-noise problem and the radio-TV servicemen in the area balked at servicing the set. Small wonder, it had the Phillips 8 pin miniature tubes. They have the same shape and size as our 7 pin tubes but have an eighth pin where the 7 pin has a space. There is a small metal ring with a bump on it to correctly place the tube in its socket. It became known in the Dutch-American community that a skinny teenager named Post could fix radios. Since no one else would touch the Phillips, no harm in letting him experiment.

Using a home-brew signal tracer, I found a bad capacitor in the detector circuit and replaced it to solve the problem. I had just received my driver's license and drove to their farm to return the set. Their skinny 14 year old daughter apparently took a liking to this radio fixer. I ignored her until a few years later when I noticed how much prettier she had become. To shorten the story, we've been married 25 years, and yes, the radio still works. I had to fix it again later. Fixed a bad tube by loosely mounting a 7-pin tube socket over the 8 pin socket and replacing the tube with a functional-equivalent American tube. Just ran the wires right through the holes in the 8 pin socket holes and tack-soldered to the existing connections. Voltage readings and circuit components provided the original tube elements. Such a reversible fix retains the original chassis.

Rich "Honey, you knew I liked radios when we got married" Post

POST@OUVAXA.CATS.OHIOU.EDU (614)593-5844 Athens, OH 45701

Received: 23-May-1994 01:10pm

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 17:44:36 1994
From: KANAMAA%AMGATE%MATRXA@randb.abbott.com
Subject: Fat cap in a bathtub

>From: Kana, Michael (D9CY)
Date: Thu, May 19, 1994 3:41 PM
Subject: Fat cap in a bathtub
To: boatanchors
Howdy All....

Re the recent thread on caps in BC348's.... I'm thinking about replacing some of the caps in my ARC5 receivers. Ideas ranged from replacing with disc caps to actually gutting the bathtubs and placing the discs inside - for the 'authentic' look. Has anyone ever attempted this? As far as my ARC5's go, I will probably just put in the discs and maybe try the rebuilt bathtubs on my 'showcase' ARC5. Most of my flea market specials are kinda dinged up and are classified as 'beaters' -a term use up north for the winter car - never heard this one down in sunny Texas ;-)) I still have to fix one receiver that develops this horrendous audio oscillation when you fire it up. (Yea, Paul, I aint got around to fixing it yet....)

73's de AA9IL
Mike Kana

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 10:46:40 1994
From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>
Subject: Re: Fat cap in a bathtub

On 19 May 1994 15:47:06 -0600 (CST),
KANAMAA%AMGATE%MATRXA@randb.abbott.com <KANAMAA%AMGATE%MATRXA@randb. wrote:

>Re the recent thread on caps in BC348's.... I'm thinking about replacing
>some of the caps in my ARC5 receivers.

What on earth for? Are they failing? If not, don't "fix" it. If so, let me know: I've got two ARC-5's recently retrieved from the Homestead Junque Boxe that I will get going soon. If I can expect bad caps at this age, I'd like to know.

I doubt that you could extract the guts of an ARC-5 bathtub cap and reclose the case and still have it look good. I've never taken one apart - I regard the very few spares I have as treasured artifacts. If you put one on a lathe and carefully cut the lip off the crimped seal, then you could use some epoxy or wax maybe to re-seal the thing. I don't know how the insides are done - maybe tar, maybe wax. The insulating disk on mine are made of mica - a fragile material to be working on in the extraction phase.

Let me know how you make out.

Roy Morgan / Tech A-266 / NIST / Gaithersburg MD 20899
301-975-3254 Fax: 301-948-6213 Internet: morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 16:13:25 1994
From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>

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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 01:30:01 1994
From: Fire Bottle archive handler <firebotl@jackatak.raider.net>
Subject: Re: for what's its worth

> > The owner, Angelo, paid \$500 new for a matching Hallicrafters
> > SX-101 and HT-37. He say's they are still new. Wants \$500.

> The HT-37, of course, does not *match* the SX-101.
Agreed

> The matching RX to the HT-37 is the SX-111.
> The matching TX to the SX-101 is the HT-32.
The wonderous SX-115 was a match for the HT-32B as well... Probably the best Hallicrafters built, I'd say...

> I'm not trying to be a wise guy.
Me, either... just bought an HT-32B and SX-115 about 18 years ago because I lusted after them in my youth and wanted to actually own and operate them... what a pair!

> Just love the trivia of older radios!
And Old Buzzards! ;^) (Sorry, Jeff, but as several years your
senior, I recall the wonder, sparkle, and reverence with which I
applied that term.... then as now... ;^)
73,
Jack, W4PPT/Mobile (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657 -- all from the mobile! ;^)

Fire Bottle Server (Boat Anchors Get Out and Keep You Warm!)
firebot1@jackatak.raider.net
Where Old Radios and Fun ... GO TOGETHER!
+-----human interface: root@jackatak.raider.net -----+

From ab4el.com Mon May 23 12:42:34 1994
From: al511@Freenet.HSC.Colorado.EDU (Robert Neece)
Subject: Re: Friday Night Fist Function

I did not hear any CWISTS on 7102.5 Friday,
so I slid down the band a bit and, amid the
QRN, had nice QSOs with:

ZD8Z Ascension Island
Z21HS Zimbabwe
TL8GN Central African Republic
F5IN France

I was using 100 watts output to a rotary dipole
up 80 feet. If this can be done all the way from
the Rocky Mountains this time of year, imagine
what the east coast fellows could find. This
demonstrates once again the wondrous efficiency of
the cw mode.

73 de Bob, K0KR

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 10:03:47 1994
Subject: Fw: (fwd) Used Equipment
From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (CONTRACTOR Larry Keith)

(forwarding comment)

>From rec.radio.swap...

(original message follows)

Organization: Robins AFB, GA

Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.equipment
Path: wrdis02.robins.af.mil!gatech!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
newsserver.jvnc.net!erenj.com!jmdrakemac1.erenj.com!user
>From: JMDRAKE@ERENJ.COM (Mike Drake)
Subject: Used Equipment
Message-ID: <JMDRAKE-180594122049@jmdrakemac1.erenj.com>
Followup-To: rec.radio.amateur.equipment
Sender: news@erenj.com (ERE News System)
Nntp-Posting-Host: jmdrakemac1.erenj.com
Organization: ER&E, Clinton, NJ. Opinions solely the author's, not the Company's.
Date: Wed, 18 May 1994 16:19:53 GMT
Lines: 3

I have a R390A in excellent condition with meters and fully enclosed \$275
and must be picked up from NJ area. I also have a Kenwood SM-220 in
perfect condition for \$275. Please contact by Email ...Thanks

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:36:44 1994
Subject: Fw: Re: list
From: QUACK <MUSCORJ@hsdwl.utc.com>

(forwarding comment)

Think you meant to send this to the list...

.....

(original message follows)

I'm the membership officer and a director of the National Radio Club, the
world's oldest and largest (725 members) medium wave dx'ing Club.
We publish a weekly magazine DX NEWS-actually 30 times a year.
I started in 1962 while attending the old Ward School of Electronics in
Hartford, Connecticut.
Hollow-state stuff here: two R-390A/URR, a HQ-150, and a HQ-180A which I
bought new in 1965. I had a SP-600 but gave it to a friend of mine last
year.
Our Chairman of the Board is looking for a power Xformer for his Halli
SX-26.

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 23:43:37 1994
From: TOM.A.ADAMS@mail.admin.wisc.edu
Subject: GEAR DUMPING

to: boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu

Hello Bob, NA4G

Re. your story of the "over the side" treatment of the old marine gear;

I grew up in Chicago, and there served my rookie days in radio (WN9LGD).

There's a story that's been floating around for decades down there.

Supposedly, at the end of WW2 it was considered to be a big step toward economic disaster if all the massive defense contracts were suddenly cut off, so instead they were gradually tapered off. It didn't matter that Uncle Sam's attic was full; he had enough stuff to last through World War Twenty!

In the Chicago area, two of the big contractors were Hallicrafters (the old Kostner Avenue plant was cranking out BC-610s, among other things), and Pratt & Whitney, sort of (Ford was producing a big turbocharged twin radial engine under P+W license that I think was called an R-2800. The plant was on the location of the current Ford City shopping mall, and immediately after the war was briefly the home of Preston Tucker's ill fated auto company).

Anyway, legend has it that after VJ day Hallicrafters and Ford both kept on cranking out war material like crazy. As soon as it was ready for shipment it went into trucks and was driven out toward Gary to the Stateline power station.

Once there it was put aboard a barge, and was allegedly taken to the center of the power plant's cooling pond (a small bay in Lake Michigan) and just dumped; crates, vapor proof bags, and all!!!

The legend goes on (as legends are wont to do) to say that eventually this practice was stopped, but until the end of the contracts gear was immediately declared surplus as it went down the assembly line, and went straight from the factory to Chicago's "Surplus Row" on Michigan Avenue (are there any ex-Chicagoans out there who remember Joe over at Arrow Sales? How about Ben Cohen at BC Electronics, or Pearl at Gemco?).

73s DE Tom, K9TA

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 13:17:48 1994

From: cotton@thumper.bellcore.com (Chase Cotton)

Subject: good thoughts

Joe (KC6TXU) and I think a lot alike, e.g.

>> When I sell a radio, I'm more interested in getting it into
>> the hands of someone who will care for it, rather than how
>> much "profit" I can make.

It is clear after a year or so of diligent "hunting" that I am going to be able to acquire at very little cost a lot more decent tube equipment than I'll ever have time to fix up properly. Most of my stuff comes from garage sales and swap bboards (vs. hamfests).

So, just as we usually "post" interesting equipment items we run across, we ought to be posting "people" that we meet who might be deserving of some of our "excess" equipment (I guess people on the mailing list should be excluded ;^). Kinda like what is sometimes done when helping a new ham get started.

Last year on one of the nets I listen to, one of the check-ins had been contacted by an SWL who wanted to listen to some SSB comms but only had a AM receiver. Within about 2 weeks of that request, the net had put an appropriate Hammerlund receiver in the fellow's hands (at a relatively small cost to 3 or 4 of the folks on the net). They (the net) got a big kick out of it.

just a thought,

Chase

Chase Cotton

cotton@thumper.bellcore.com

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 09:26:39 1994
From: HALWAITE@delphi.com
Subject: Hallicrafters SX-115 Receiver Wanted

OMs:

Looking for an excellent or better Hallicrafters SX-115 Receiver.
Cash or trade for amateur or computer gear. Please email with
telephone number. Thanks.

73, Hal K4GFI/7 HALWAITE@DELPHI.COM

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 14:18:46 1994
From: "James C Reid" <0093373@CCMAIL.EMIS.hac.com>
Subject: Ham attire

I have to agree with Larry. A flannel shirt and a pair of jeans is the way to go. There is a group of us here at work that call each other "AI"(from Home Improvement) whenever we catch someone wearing that combination. Sometimes the flannel shirt is a bit too casual for us here in aerospace-land, so I go with a

dress shirt and maybe a sweater, but I keep the jeans. At 34, I hardly qualify for OM status. I'm saving that for later...like right after I learn how to tie a tie. :)

-Jim

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 23:28:29 1994
From: DUBE2@delphi.com
Subject: Hello, I'm back!

Hello again to my old friends on BA. Been out of contact for several months due to a "downsizing" at my old workplace. Have moved and semi-retired and just now found the BA list.

I finally found that Gonset G-66 receiver I was looking for to go with the G-77 transmitter. I now have a complete set of GoldDust Twins. Only problem is, that the receiver needs some work and I am desperately in need of a schematic.

This radio seems to have an unusual detector/avc/audio circuit, and that's where the problem is. Any help would be appreciated. Please e-mail me at dube2@delphi.com.

Can't wait to get my HF station set up again at new QTH. Next goal is to get the Gonsets working and on AM.

Anyone who tried to e-mail me last August-september, please try again.

thanks and 73

Dube Todd AB5AP <dube2@delphi.com>

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 08:44:50 1994
From: djw@unlinfo.unl.edu (Daniel Wright)
Subject: Henry Radio

>> ... Maybe someday I can relate my wonderful
>>experiences with Henry Radio in Butler,Missouri...they were a great place
>>to buy gear in the '60's.
>
>I remember drooling over the picture in their ads. Are they still there?
>Of course, I never got to Missouri from K1-land as a teenager.

No,unfortunately,they are gone. Bob Henry died some years back,at least that's what I heard somewhere. I passed through Butler several years ago and the store is gone...still said "Henry Radio" on the building,although the paint was faded. In 1963,they were selling new as well as used equipment and had several employees,a really neat service area/workbench/shop area,

and every time I was there in the 1963-1965 time frame it was a VERY busy place! Their used equipment showroom was just stuffed to the brim with all our favorite BA names.

I did stop by one other time in 1971. They were selling "modern" gear and they still had a fair amount of used stuff, but all the old names were gone.

My first rig was a Heath DX-60 and an SX-99. I traveled to Butler with my Dad (I was 14) and picked up the stuff. When I fired up the Heath into my Hy-gain 18v (with 2 sorta ground radials) it smoked!! I called Bob Henry and he told me to send the rig back - no questions asked!! He recommended a Johnson Challenger to replace it and I sent the DX-60 back on the bus and he sent me the Challenger. Talk about service!! When I got my general class the next year (I had to go to Kansas City to take the test as I lived in Topeka) my dad and I went on to Butler and I traded in the Challenger (kept the SX-99) and bought a used Ranger I and a used HQ-170ac. They were both in absolutely sparkling condition!! That was my station for a number of years and the last time I went to Henry Radio until the short visit in '71.

So there you have it. I guess Henry is still building amplifiers or some such, but the operation, I believe is in California.

Aahhhhh the memories..... now I must pull myself back into the '90's and get to work if I can!!!!

73 - Dan WA0JRD (ex WN0JRD)

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 10:05:27 1994

From: "Kasprzyk, Emil" <EFK@eng2.tracor.com>

Subject: Henry Radio

I bought a used Drake T-4XC and AC-4 from the Butler, MO store in September 1982. Have been dealing with the Los Angeles store since 1968. The LA store used to refuse to sell you a rig unless you could prove you were a licensed ham. This store was also nice in that most used rigs could be tried out on an antenna at the store. A significant part of their business now seems to be sales of power amplifiers for the semiconductor industry.

73 de Emil KC5IZ

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 14:37:07 1994

From: "Kenan, Larry" <larryk@frick.sandiegoca.NCR.COM>

Subject: Re: Henry Radio

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From ab4el.com Mon May 23 13:14:00 1994
From: Stephen Hall <snhall@gibbs.oit.unc.edu>
Subject: Re: How I got started

As a recent subscriber, thought I would reply:

In the late '70s, a friend of my Dad's brought over this tremendous radio, hooked it up and told me to have fun...Yep, a Hallicrafters SX-101. I was radio-less for a few years until around 1981 when I bought a RCA floor model (beautiful wood grain) AM/SW receiver for \$20 in

working condition at an auction. I still have it and it still works fine. Two years ago I bought the tapes, learned the code and got my novice license. At a yard sale I bought a working SX-101 and a Heathkit CW-40 transmitter. A friend gave me a Hallicrafters S-38 receiver about the same time. I'm definitely hooked, but hopefully someone in the area can help me get a station on the air...I don't have much electronic experience. I have a few radios I would like to trade (or sell if I have to) for some ham gear (boatanchorish please).

Crosley model 10-137 table top, light green in color.

RCA Victor 65X2 table top, white.

RCA Victor 8-X-541 S-T table top, brown

Zenith AM/FM hole in front of case over speaker

Zenith AM/FM B-73 O-E table top, wood

All of the above are original and untested.

Amrad floor model, beautiful mahogany finish, working condition.

Freshman Masterpiece, small tabletop, 3 dials 0-100 for tuning, paper glued to inside top of case to note tuning combinations for stations.

It would have to be a stupendous offer to part with the Amrad...

Thanks, my computer is finally paying off now...really enjoy the list...
73, Steve KD4RH0

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:18:11 1994

From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>

Subject: HQ-120 info, WHO NEEDS?

I scrubbed the recent posting asking for a manual for an HQ-xxx. THEN I made a copy of the Rider's page on the HQ-120-X (late).

So, who was it? And was it the 120 you wanted? (Send s-mail address.)

Roy Morgan / Tech A-266 / NIST / Gaithersburg MD 20899

301-975-3254 Fax: 301-948-6213 Internet: morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov

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Subject: HyGain

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From ab4el.com Mon May 23 03:45:40 1994
From: Jeffrey Herman <jherman@uhunix.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu>
Subject: info

Gang: Pulled the following off another mail list - it's called SHIPS.
I've deleted some not so interesting stuff about maritime union vs a ship owner.

Jeff NH6IL

>From ships@svcs1.digex.net Sun May 22 17:08:48 1994
>From: jnavary@nyx10.cs.du.edu (James Navary)

Friday night I was tuning around on the radio when I stumbled

across a transmission from Palo Alto Radio that was already in progress. Here's the part that I was able to capture. (This was radioteletype by the way- SITOR-B/FEC for the radio folks amongst us).

Jim Navary
AA4JN

Text follows:

THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS) WAS INTRODUCED 18 MONTHS AGO TO AUTOMATE AND IMPROVE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION, BUT THERE ARE PROBLEM AREAS, A CONFERENCE ON GMDSS HEARD RECENTLY. ONE OF THESE IS THE HIGH NUMBER OF FALSE ALARMS. LAST YEAR ONLY 12 OF 662 GMDSS ALERTS HANDLED BY THE UK MARITIME RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE AT FALMOUTH HAD PROVED TO BE GENUINE. THE CONFERENCE ALSO HEARD FROM SEAFARERS AND TRAINING COLLEGES THAT MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE WAS NOT USER FRIENDLY. BT...

CQ CQ DE KFS/WNU KFS/WNU

=

HELLO ALL SHIPS. THIS BROADCAST ORIGINATES FROM:
PALO ALTO RADIO/KFS (SAN FRANCISCO) - SELCALL 1094
SLIDELL RADIO/ WNU (NEW ORLEANS) - SELCALL 1109

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NEWS: WNU NOW USING ITU CH 627 FOR 6 MHZ ATOR SERVICE.
PLEASE LISTEN FOR WNU ON 6327.0 AND TRANSMIT ON 6281.
SIGNAL REPORTS WELCOME AND APPRECIATED.

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FOR AUTOMATIC MARINE TELEX SERVICE USE KFS/WNU ITU CHNL PAIRS:
403, 603, 627, 803, 819, 1203, 1257, 1647, 1657, 2203 AND 2219

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NEW RATE INFO (EFFECTIVE 5/1/94)
TLX+ QSJ 5.05GF OR 1.99USD/MIN (SUBJECT TO FCC APPROVAL)
DIRTLX+ QSJ 6.17GF OR 2.43USD/MIN

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HERES TRAFFIC ON HAND AT KFS/WNU:

3EBX7	3ESJ4	C6BT5	C6DA7	C6LR6
C6MB9	D9DQ	D9FA	D9NX	DUWL
DZGY	ELMJ5	ELRA	H9MM	KXCH
LALP4	P3BV4	P3NW4	SXDT	URUG
UWQZ	WGJT	YDLR	YQDF	YQRO

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 15:05:16 1994
From: David=Douglas%Sys=Mgmt%Sys=Hou@bangate.compaq.com
Subject: Info: Horn Speaker

All,

I just picked up a horn speaker and I'd like to know some information on it.

This is an "Audiophone" horn speaker, on a rotating base, with binding posts on the base, and on the base of the speaker unit.

The metal label says:

Trade Mark
Audiophone

Made By
The Bristol Company
Waterbury, Conn. USA
Patents Pending

What I'd like to know is: How old is the horn. What kind of inputs is it expecting (impedence, voltage, etc). What it was sold for (radio, other audio device?) and relative value.

Thanks,
David KA5MSL

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Horn speakers were common from the start of broadcasting (1920) to about 1926. The driver is similar to an earphone, high impedance (usually 2000 ohms) and are connected in the plate circuit of the AF output tube. They plug in between the B+ (usually 90V - 135V) and the plate.

Radios of that period normally had external speakers. The house that I grew up in (built in 1925) had jacks all over the house so that you could have the radio in the living room, it's batteries in the cellar, and the speaker could be carried around the house and plugged into a wall jack in what ever room you wanted.

The value I would think would be in the \$50 - \$75 range at an antique radio swap meet. The last one that I bought (Atwater Kent model H) was about 4 years ago at \$50. I also have what I think is a Bristol horn but alas it is without a driver.

Larry Kenan - KD6CKR

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 07:57:42 1994

From: QUACK <MUSCORJ@hsdwl.utc.com>

Subject: intro

I'm the membership officer and a director of the National Radio Club-the world's oldest and largest (over 700 members world-wide) medium wave DX'ing Club.

We publish a magazine 30 weeks of the year DX NEWS.

I started DX'ing in 1962 with a Heathkit Mohican and traded that in 1965 for a new Hammarlund HQ-180A (which I still have). Also: two R-390As, and an HQ-150.

I spent some time around 7420 kHz with a Johnson Valiant AM rig doing some "pirating" up until a few years ago. The fines got too high to stay with it. Latest addition is a Delay Line Phasing unit connected to two long wires at right angles to each other.

For info on the club which includes a catalog and sample DX NEWS send \$1 to:

National Radio Club
P.O. Box 118
Poquonock, Connecticut 06064

73, Ron Musco

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 18:10:40 1994
From: Jerald Pendleton <jerald@wrs.com>
Subject: Introduction

Hello Fellow BAers -

As an introduction, I'm not really new but back (with a new email) after a 8 month hiatus. But since introductions were requested...

My sole fame is that I claim to be the last coded tech in 6 land. I passed my tech the weekend before no-code came into being. No one has yet challegend that statement.

I am the proud owner of an HW-101 and an HW-16 (I think thats the number - its been in the box a loong time). I got the HW-101 to work the week end I was due to move from San Jose California to Castro Valley California and been off the air since (its been a little over a year now) Between the move and sudden need for a new job (hence the 8 mon hiatus) I just haven't had a chance to play with my beloved Heathkits.

I gotta get on the roof and get those wires strung....

I am an OFIT who firmly believes that a true ham fixes and/or builds his own equipment. Though I may make an exception for that new standard 558 - Thats a toy I can to talked into the swap meets with.

I have a strong interest in all Heathkit (wipe tear from eye) amateur kits and wish someone could produce kits of heathkits quality and quantity.

73 de KC6RT0.

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 10:58:19 1994
Subject: Intros, etc.
From: Bill Standerfer <bills@hpslwes.lvld.hp.com>

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>us about their boatanchor gear and how they got interested in
>preserving some of the better parts of ham radio history.

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The rest of the ba collection includes a Heath line (SB-303, SB-400, SB-221, SB-610, and SB-620) that still work pretty well. This stuff is really not much of a challenge though. You can simply connect up a bunch of phono cables between them and they'll work together. I can't wait to get the HQ and Invader working together as a system. I can still hear the sound of clanking P&B antenna relays from years ago!

The rest of the gear is, well, <bowing of head in shame> modern. We'll just leave it at that. :-)

My first license came in 1966 and I used an HQ-110 and a Johnson Adventurer to corrupt the novice bands (two crystals for 40 and one for 15). General a few months later gave me the chance to use an Elmac AF-67 on AM and a homebrew 813 CW rig. After that, came the more modern Drake B-line, then a Collins S-line. I still kick myself for selling that! Now with an extra, I've moved "up" to equipment from across the pond, so getting back to hollow state has been fun as well as brought back some very fond memories.

Enough rambling.

73 de Bill, KF0DJ

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From ab4el.com Thu May 19 23:10:00 1994
From: cotton@thumper.bellcore.com (Chase Cotton)
Subject: it has tubes ...

Saw this on a foreign "forsale" bboard. Not our typical fare, but it does glow ...

Chase

>> Article: 3710 of ga.forsale
>> From: cavallar@info-gw.mese.com (Mark Cavallaro)
>> Subject: Antique Radio
>> Date: Tue, 17 May 94 10:58:53 EDT

>>
>> I have a Delco Tombstone style table top radio for sale. Its the 1935
>> model 1102. Works, needs a rectifier, but works. Refinished, very pretty.
>> Asking \$100, valued at \$125
>> Reply to this email address or 404-410-0426
>>
>>
>> -----
>> Information Gateway - Public Access Usenet and Email - +1 404-928-7873
>> Please reply to: cavallar@info-gw.dragon.com, cavallar@info-gw.atl.ga.us
>> cavallar@info-gw.mese.com

From ab4el.com Mon May 23 15:33:15 1994
From: Errol Casey <gcasey@backdoor.morrisville.nc.us>
Subject: Last chance: ZOC Group Order

Last Chance! Tuesday, May 24th OS/2 UG Meeting. If you are mailing
a request, request will be taken until May 31st.

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***** Triangle OS/2 Group Order of ZOC Future Licenses *****
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The Triangle OS/2 User group is coordinating an effort to order a
group of "Future" licenses for ZOC, and OS/2 PM based communication
program at a discounted price through the Triangle OS/2 UG. To
participate in this "group buy", you must be a member of the
Triangle OS/2 UG. Membership is \$5/year. If you are mailing
in a request include money for ZOC, and if you are joining an additional
\$5. (see address below)

Triangle OS/2 User Group meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the
4th Tuesday of each month at the North Park IBM Building,
4800 Falls of the Neuse Rd, Raleigh, NC

The "future" license as defined in the help file for ZOC, is one
which will work with current and all future versions of ZOC. The
normal price of this license is \$70/US. This group purchase will
discount this cost to approximately \$50/US -- depending on number
of orders sent in. All orders will be sent in at the same time,
and will be received and distributed upon receipt at the next
Triangle OS/2 UG meeting.

A minimum of 10 orders is needed to get the above mentioned
discounted price. Ordering will be taken by mail and in person

at the May Triangle OS/2 UG meetings. The deadline is the May UG meeting which will be May, 24th at 7 p.m.

The planned program for the May OS/2 UG is a demonstration of OS/2 Telephony with IBM's Mwave card.

If you are interested please send your order to:

Triangle OS/2 User Group
P.O. Box 98461-27624
Raleigh, NC 27624
Attn: Group Buy - ZOC

Make the check payable to Triangle OS/2 User Group for \$50 for ZOC.

The following information must be included with your order:

Requested information for order:

Name, Address
(Day and Evening) Phone number
Email address if available
Fax number if available.

ZOC itself is available on most BBSes supporting/hosting OS/2 files. The current version is 1.30 and is normally found in the file ZOC121.ZIP (try the two BBSes listed below)

Direct Questions to Errol Casey:

Home (919) 380-0412
Internet: gcasey@backdoor.morrisville.nc.us
Fidonet: Errol Casey @ 1:151/160
Leave note on The Backdoor BBS 460-7903 (for sysop), or
KD4IHW Errol on Micro Message Service (779-6674).

From ab4e1.com Thu May 19 10:48:08 1994
From: QUACK <MUSCORJ@hswdl.utc.com>
Subject: list

subscribe boatanchors-request@gnu.ai.mit.edu"

From ab4e1.com Thu May 19 14:08:43 1994
From: QUACK <MUSCORJ@hswdl.utc.com>
Subject: list

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From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:10:50 1994

From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (CONTRACTOR Larry Keith;653 CCSG/SCT)

Subject: Re: list

Welcome to the wonderful world of firebottles!

We kinda have a tradition, on this list, of asking newcomers to tell us about their boatanchor gear and how they got interested in preserving some of the better parts of ham radio history.

Care to contribute?

73,

Larry, KQ4BY

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 13:30:56 1994

From: Bruce Pea <pea@wri.com>

Subject: Looking for Brandies Admiral headphones

I'm trying tp find a pair of Brandies Admiral headphones in decent shape. If anyone has an extra pair (or their only pair) they would condider parting with I would be interested in making you an offer.

In the sad event I'm not able to rustle up a pair of these tin cans, what other set of headphones would any of you suggest or recommend. I'll be using them mostly to work cw.

Thanks for the help.

73 de Bruce

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From ab4el.com Sun May 22 01:25:00 1994

From: "James H. Haynes" <haynes@cats.ucsc.edu>

Subject: Re: Looking for Brandies Admiral headphones

I didn't know you could use Brandes [note corrected spelling] headphones for CW. I thought they were only good for spark.

From ab4el.com Mon May 23 09:44:49 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: Re: Looking for Brandies Admiral headphones

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> for CW. I thought they were only good for spark.
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Must be like Baldie Micas..... (:+{}....

Bob

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 10:29:53 1994
From: David=Douglas%Sys=Mgmt%Sys=Hou@bangate.compaq.com
Subject: Looking for...

Does anyone have a surplus supply of "receiving" type tubes they want to sell. I'm looking for any "double digit" tubes, 24, 45, 55, 80 etc. Also any of the 6 series, 6H6, 6F5, etc, and any from the "all american five" 12SQ7, 12SA7, 35Z5, 50L6, etc. Any leads would be appreciated. Also, looking for any MW broadcast receivers (Toumbstone, cathedral, tabletop) from the 20's through the 40's for my collection.

Thanks,
David KA5MSL

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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 16:09:33 1994
From: al511@Freenet.HSC.Colorado.EDU (Robert Neece)
Subject: matching Hallicrafters

In response to my comment about Hallicrafters
RX and TX matches, Jack, W4PTT writes:

>> The matching RX to the HT-37 is the SX-111.
>> The matching TX to the SX-101 is the HT-32.
>The wonderous SX-115 was a match for the HT-32B as well... Probably
>the best Hallicrafters built, I'd say...

As long as we're at it, we might as well complete
the list:

The matching TX to the SX-100 was the HT-30.

The HT-30 was Hallicrafters' first SSB ham rig,
and was the original in the line that led to
the HT-32, HT-32A, and HT-32B.

In some ways, the HT-30 was a curious rig. It
worked only four bands: 80, 40, 20, and 10. No
21 Mc. coverage. But, in terms of signal quality
and construction, it was absolutely splendid. I
was lucky enough to buy one used, but in first-class
shape, in 1963 while I was still a Novice.

I am certain that you can imagine that the presence
of the HT-30 on my desk, just waiting to be fired up,
made my anticipation of the arrival of my General
Class license an even keener experience than might
otherwise have been the case.

I later traded the HT-30 to Harrison in New York for
a brand new HT-32B, one of the last to be produced.
Sure wish I had both of those rigs today.

73 de Bob, K0KR

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 05:56:41 1994
From: regnad@gnu.ai.mit.edu
Subject: Me and Consalvo? :)

OK. I guess I should tell this story since Emil aluded to it, sorta.
Emil and I are both in Austin, Texas and one day we were talking on V or

UHF about manuals. I mentioned Consalvo as someone I bought a few manuals from and that I think I ran into him at the old York, PA flea-fest. There was a guy there with a whole trailer full of original military manuals, so I went through them and picked out 3 or 4 that I needed at the time and dickered with him over price. I figured since I was taking several, I should get something of a price break. He complained loudly that he usually got almost twice as much selling manuals mail-order, but he took my money and I got my manuals. I've always wondered if that was the "famous" Consalvo. Then Emil suggested that it was people like me that drove him out of the surplus manual business with our low offers. :)

Paul Prescott
N1AAC
regnad@gnu.ai.mit.edu

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 08:46:53 1994
From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (CONTRACTOR Larry Keith;653 CCSG/SCT)
Subject: Re: Me and Consalvo? :)

In your message of 19 May 1994 at 0530 EDT, you write:
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Sounds like "Surplus Al." He's still around.. I bought a couple of ARC-5 transmitters from him, in Dayton.

He spent more time covering and uncovering those manuals than he did selling them.. He was across the aisle from our flea market location. Every time that he sold a manual, he complained..

"people like me.." keep the sellers from going totally stupid.. 8-D..

73,

Larry

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 11:56:43 1994
From: Joe Reda/HQ/3Com <Joe_Reda/HQ/3Com@3mail.3Com.COM>
Subject: Re: Me and Consalvo? :)

In your message of 19 May 1994 you write:
> "people like me.." keep the sellers from going totally stupid.. 8-D..

> 73,

> Larry

Well, keeping the sellers from going, as you say, totally stupid is a great idea. I've seen, at one of our local meets, Hallicrafters S38s priced at \$150!! This is probably an extreme example, but it does seem to me that prices are going up up UP for no other discernable reason other than that our favorite BAs are being called "collectibles". When I sell a radio, I'm more interested in getting it into the hands of someone who will care for it, rather than how much "profit" I can make.

My \$.02 worth . . . Joe KC6TXU

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 13:29:40 1994

From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (CONTRACTOR Larry Keith;653 CCSG/SCT)

Subject: Re: Me and Consalvo? :)

In your message of 19 May 1994 at 1105 EDT, you write:

> Do you have Surplus Al's address and telephone number?

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> Joseph +

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Sure! Just happened to have his card in my wallet..

Quaker Electronics/SURPLUS AL

P. O. Box 215

Hunlock Creek, PA 18621

717-256-3749

Al Yascavage, Sr., W3UGD

Veteran, D-Day 1944

Tie Warps, Mil Tech Manuals, Back Issue Nuts & Volts, Crystals, Parts,
More.. Just ask!!

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Just another satisfied customer!

73,

Larry, KQ4BY

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 16:14:58 1994
From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>
Subject: Re: Me and Consalvo? :)

I remember hearing the alarm clock on my modified ARC-5 receiver. I'll fire it up soon (after a full 30 years), and see if some of the signal is still there.

Roy Morgan / Tech A-266 / NIST / Gaithersburg MD 20899
301-975-3254 Fax: 301-948-6213 Internet: morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 17:42:59 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: Re: Me and Consalvo? :)

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Nah.... ya gotta be on the Enterprise and run quickly to catch up with the signal..... Beam him up Scotty..... Warp 11 and catch that signal!

Bob

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 20:53:00 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: Re: Me and Consalvo? :)

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From ab4el.com Thu May 19 21:48:42 1994
From: "Terry O'Laughlin" <OLAUGHLIN@vilas.uwex.edu>
Subject: Mike Consalvo

I ordered a manual for my Racal RA-6217E last year. He sent an original at a very reasonable price.

Address:

Mike Consalvo
7218 Roanne Dr.
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

No phone. He won't deal by phone.

73s Terry O' WB9GVB

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 13:46:39 1994
From: JosephWP@aol.com
Subject: Re: Mike Consalvo

Terry,

Thanks for the info. Did not realize that Consalvo was still in business and still living in Oxon Hill.

Joseph +

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 01:31:11 1994
From: Fire Bottle archive handler <firebotl@jackatak.raider.net>
Subject: Re: Misc., etc. Questions

> >>>>
> Is Consalvo, the military surplus manual dealer still in business or did
> Paul Prescott drive him elsewhere?

> Don't know Paul Prescott. Does he sell mil manuals?
Ah... ;) With anniversaries, and kudos for a fine job, comes now a
dose of humility for our illustrious list owner... ;)

There is a deity, he likes boatanchors, and he has a sense of humor! ;^)
73,
Jack, W4PPT/Mobile (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657 -- all from the mobile! ;^)

Fire Bottle Server (Boat Anchors Get Out and Keep You Warm!)
firebotl@jackatak.raider.net
Where Old Radios and Fun ... GO TOGETHER!
+-----human interface: root@jackatak.raider.net -----+

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 15:40:18 1994
From: drs@ccd.harris.com (Doug Snowden)
Subject: More Addresses Wanted

In addition to the latest HyGain Address, I would like to know names and addresses
of a couple of blower manufacturers. I never bought a new blower, but can't
seem to find a decent used one. In past articles I have seen "Ripley" and
"Dayton" ("Daytron"?) mentioned. A good blower is the last thing I need for my
dream 4-1000 amplifier. I got a good deal on a gates plate transformer from
Jack, W4PPT, and I am still trying to work the kinks out of my back from
carrying it. Jack, you should have seen my father and I trying to put that
transformer in the bottom of a deep car trunk at 5AM.

Anyway, I'll try again to work someone at 0400UTC on 7102.5 tonight.

73's Doug, N4IJ

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 10:32:15 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: Re: MORE FOR LESS

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> \$100 per year? Try \$0!
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> with simple qrp circuits so there's is really no reason to even buy your
> own books or magazines. [Example: One gem I found in the library is titled
> 3000 TRANSISTOR CIRCUITS with lots of transmitters in it. Even Ade Weiss'
> book HISTORY OF QRP is in our library.]

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> .73,
> Jeff NH6IL
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Addendum to the Gang on the Fine, Noble and most Gentlemanly Art of
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Whereas it is well known amongst the inner circles of the Secret and Honorable Society of Dumpster Divers (of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS Homebrew Special Interest Group) that the most high and noble manner of procurement of said components for the purposes of that most wonderful and gentle art of homebrewing (ham radios that is), is, without exception, the art and craft of Dumpster Diving (nee Dempster Diving for those with the original buckets at hand) and whereas it is an art to be cultivated and introduced to all those of new blood and lesser times at the rig, let it be forever foresworn with all the high and esteemed wisdom of those who have gone before, that we, the elmers, OFs, OCWFs, Boatanchorites, homebrewers (of ham radios that is) shall guide and assist the neophytes and young squirts on the block in the proper finding of parts of such value as may be required for the fine practice of homebrewing amateur radio gear.

Enuf Said,..... and so endeth this tirade and epistle from TOM.

73 TU SU SK DE NA4G

Bob

p.s. Our SHSDD/RARS-HBSIG has met at the end of each hamfest of note for the past 10 or so years, with great success!
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* May you have fair winds and following seas on your watch at the key. *
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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 12:11:15 1994

From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>
Subject: Re: MORE FOR LESS

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WHEREAS:

1) This humble and modest brewer-at-home of many years has had the good fortune to spend a year in apprenticeship in the world of Total Quality Management, said year done at the Office of Quality Systems, Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Office, where he was fortunate to meet some of the most respected and honored men and women in the field of Process Improvement,

and,

2) The Noble and Unending Art of Dumpster Diving is one of this humble writer's aspirations, whereupon he has spent many calories of energy lugging things of unquestionable and of questionable value from the hallowed depths of the heretofore mentioned Dumpsters,

and,

3) Any small suggestion, however drawn from the still-developing but meagre wisdom of such an aspirant to the Noble Art of Dumpster Diving as the present writer:

THEREFORE

The Following Suggestion is submitted:

1) That the noble and experienced group of members of the aforementioned SHSDD/RARS-HBSIG prepare in due course a Large Sign, made of wondrously attractive colors and materials suitable for such a noble and long-standing art as Dumpster Diving bearing the following words or similar:

Swamptown Annual Hamfest Ecological Improvement Committee

SOLID MATERIALS TRANSFER AND RECYCLING STATION

Operated by official sanction of the

SHSDD/RARS-HBSIG COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

DON'T LUG JUNK HOME! DEPOSIT IT HERE FOR RECYCLING!

2) That said sign be properly mounted at the side of a large pickup truck, which truck should be located on the exit route of departing Hamfest Sellers, at a strategically selected point well in advance of the aforementioned Dumpsters, but far enough away from the Selling Tables so that the Sellers will be tired of lugging said SOLID MATERIALS from said Tables, and will avail themselves of the opportunity to enrich your noble committee's Collective Junque Boxe.

Humbly submitted by -Roy-, K1LKY, veteran of Dumpsters and the like at Eli Heffron's in Cambridge, MA, and The Surplus Yards at the now-closed Naval Air Station Quonset Point, RI, and Westover Air Force Base, MA, and others.

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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 12:30:34 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: Re: MORE FOR LESS

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Actually, we, said members of the SHSDD/RARS-HBSIG simplify matters considerably..... we all are on the cleanup crew at the hamfest, if

possible, and encourage sellers to just leave their excess junk on the floor or on the tables.....THE CLEANUP CREW WILL TAKE CARE OF IT AS A NORMAL PART OF THEIR DUTIES.....

Since the Dumpster/Dempster/Tipster/Dipster/and tipsy Divers are all prime members of said cleanup crew.....(:+}}.... we get first dibbs on the leftovers!!!!!!!

YEAH for the DUMPSTER DIVERS!!!!!!!

73 Bob.....`Boatanchor Bob' `King Dumpster Diver Bob'
Geesh! I was thinking that nom de plume would never surface from the bilges!

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Ah Roy, there is life in the Dumpsters!!!!!!!

From ab4e1.com Fri May 20 14:06:11 1994
From: M G Laubach <matt@efn.org>
Subject: Re: MORE FOR LESS

On Fri, 20 May 1994, R. D. Keys wrote:

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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 14:20:25 1994
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Actually there is some sad truth in that statement..... a good friend
who is a fine CW op and in the marine radio business, to boot, was
telling me that not too far back in very recent history a complete
marine console system out of some ship was summarily dumped in the Gulf
of Mexico off one of the ports. That is a fine boatanchor that I would
love to put on line in the shack --- a complete and working marine radio
console system.

Tis a sad day.....

We should all keep eyes out for such boatanchors (less boat of course) in the
major port cities of the US, as such gear is gradually retired from service.

They are fine boatanchors, for sure, and built to last 100 years.

My desktop version of the TX from one of those will surely outlive me.
It still blows the common rice boxes out of the water when it comes to
putting out a real signal into the ether.

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Bob
NA4G

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From: Hugh D. Stegman <driver8@red-eft.la.ca.us>
Subject: Re: MORE FOR LESS

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You'd be amazed. One of the reasons the TRWARC went to its current system for its monthly swap meet was (quoting), "the leaving of boatanchors out in the parking lot when they didn't sell." The tubes alone made good picking.

At various times, I've gone through peoples' trash and retrieved:

The vocal mike I still use, a good Shure, with about 50 feet of XL cable and a transformer for tube amps.

Several good Marshall speaker cords, still in blister pack.

A working Heath mono power amp with the classic KT66 circuit. (hated giving THAT one up.)

I guess audio is more popular in L.A.. :-)

Hugh NV6H

"MacIntosh? Naah, they made shit. Give you \$50 for the pair cuz I like you."

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 18:46:07 1994

From: WaltN@aol.com

Subject: Nat'l LF-10 manual needed

I'm still looking for a manual (or copy) for the National LF-10 lo-freq preselector for the HRO-500 receiver. Mil-Comm (suggested here by a couple of folks...thanks!) doesn't have any (tho I did order a service manual for the '500 from Kevin).

TIA,

Walt

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 09:53:46 1994

From: regnad@gnu.ai.mit.edu

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From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)

Subject: Re: no lids, no kids

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Herb Holeman, WL7BIL

Juneau, Alaska

Wonder is that is something like Doc Zinterhoffer, K5DHF (Danger
High Voltage) who has long time ago gone <sk> in Midland TX.

This guy had Ranger I with crystal on 7.398 and dared anyone
to get between him and the bandedge. He was section 8 from
the Navy.

Anyone remember him?

dit dit
Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60
adams@sgi.com

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 13:31:16 1994
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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 14:44:01 1994
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The author of this style of CQ was W20Y. Variations
included "No lids, no kids, no space kay-dettes, Class A

only need apply . . ."

73 de Bob, K0KR

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 15:10:00 1994
From: Jerald Pendleton <jerald@wrs.com>
Subject: Re: No lids, no kids....

>
> Back in my pre-ham days, I used to hear a guy who call was on the order of
>
> CQ A1 OPERATORS NO KIDS NO LIDS NO SPACECADETS....
>
> I think he got discussed rec.radio.amateur.misc. He apparently died
> while climbing his tower and local FD had to come out and cut him down.
>
> A number of people commented that the way they wanted to go...
>
> I only remember the posting because it triggered a nostalgic flashback
> to my misspent youth. I hadn't thought about the guy for years, at
> the time thinking he was kind of a snot.
>

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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 19:27:53 1994
From: gottsmc@einstein.cnrs.humboldt.edu (Carl Peter Gottsmann)
Subject: Re: No lids, no kids....

Video Rangers??

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 21:32:14 1994
From: Fire Bottle archive handler <firebotl@jackatak.raider.net>
Subject: Re: No lids, no kids....

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Yeah. Obnoxious little buggers who watch TV! Especially "American
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From ab4e1.com Thu May 19 10:44:21 1994
From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>
Subject: Re: No lids, no kids....

On Wed, 18 May 1994 19:29:06 -0500 (CDT),
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Roy Morgan / Tech A-266 / NIST / Gaithersburg MD 20899
301-975-3254 Fax: 301-948-6213 Internet: morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov

From ab4e1.com Thu May 19 13:20:28 1994
From: "J. D. Delancy" <k1zat@bah.com>
Subject: Re: No lids, no kids....

Annette Funicello? Me too.. m-i-c-k-e-y-mo-u-s-e. Bet
you still have the ears..

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But it will happen, unless YOU do something about it.

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Thanks for your support.

Craig Smith, <bcs@cs.tamu.edu> or <craig@stat.tamu.edu>
Texas A&M University, Dept. of Computer Science
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Subject: FWD>>ALERT- Internet may b

Date: Thu, 12 May 1994 08:32:20 -0400

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----- End of Forwarded Message

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 05:44:01 1994
From: am576@freenet.buffalo.edu (Joseph E. Vendetti)
Subject: Old Ham Gear

Hello,

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old ham gear. Can you fill me in on the details please.
Thanks.

Joe Vendetti
K2VXV
Buffalo, NY

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 22:26:54 1994
From: Fire Bottle archive handler <firebotl@jackatak.raider.net>
Subject: Old Ham Gear

> Someone suggested that I contact your group in regard to finding
> old ham gear. Can you fill me in on the details please.
I think you are the one who needs to fill *us* in... there's LOTS more
old ham gear than ways of yakking with us here! ;^)

Welcome aboard and ask away, but give us a hint: what area,
manufacturer(s)? RX? TX? Mil? ???? ;^)

> Thanks.

Don't mention it.... ever... ;^)

73,

Jack, W4PPT/Mobile (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657 -- all from the mobile! ;^)

Fire Bottle Server (Boat Anchors Get Out and Keep You Warm!)

firebotl@jackatak.raider.net

Where Old Radios and Fun ... GO TOGETHER!

+-----human interface: root@jackatak.raider.net -----+

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 07:57:13 1994

From: Terry Murphy - AB4VJ <ab4vj@mercury.interpath.net>
Subject: Re: Old Ham Gear

Joe, They must have meant "old hams geezers" like W4PPT or NA4G
:-)
Welcome to the group, a Hallicrafter for a few buckets of wings...

>From a former Buffaloian,
ab4vj terry..

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> K2VXV
> Buffalo, NY
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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 10:38:32 1994
From: linscot@is.rice.edu (Steve Linscott)
Subject: QSK

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* Houston, TX *

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 16:11:46 1994
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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 11:03:03 1994
From: "Kearman, Jim" <jkearman@arrl.org>
Subject: RE: QSK

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Bob worked for RCA at their Rocky Point/Riverhead overseas HF stations on Long Island.

73,

Jim

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 14:56:27 1994
From: linscot@is.rice.edu (Steve Linscott)
Subject: Re: QSK

>This one I didn't:
>
>> ... He also has an article in QST for August 1970 for
>>a Franklin VFO. ^^^^ <-----*****
>
>Would you check the reference? (I was most interested in the break-in
>unit, and I'm not sure what use a Franklin VFO would be.)
>
>---
>Roy Morgan / Tech A-266 / NIST / Gaithersburg MD 20899
>301-975-3254 Fax: 301-948-6213 Internet: morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov
>---

Sorry, Roy, there was a loose nut on my keyboard! :-) It's August 1971.

- Steve -

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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 16:27:42 1994
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From ab4el.com Sat May 21 14:50:25 1994
From: n5off@w5ddl.aara.org
Subject: R-105A/ARR-15 In Service

First, thanks to Larry Keith for selling me this pig xxxxx I mean rig, and to Roy Morgan for providing the docs.

I not so recently obtained a (two actually) Collins made rigs of the above type. After a couple of months under the table, I was able to coax one to life after undoing what I'm sure were some well thought out, but made no sense to me, mods.

The thing about this rig that makes it extraordinary is the autotune. It has 10 presets, and uses 1940's hi-tech (and no xtals) to "remember" the tuning locations.

The rig has a 24V Hamilton Beach blender motor to run the autotune. When I flip the switch, it sounds just like when one might make a margarita :-)

THE auto tune is a little finicky right now as it runs the bandswitch fine, but hangs up a bit on the tuning dial. I think it needs some exercise and lube.

As far as operation, I was hoping to be able to jump in and align the thing, but it seems to be fine now. No alignment, not even a tube check. Just some GO-JO and water, and soldering back of a few wires, and I've got (another reminds the wife) rig for tuning all those bleeps and hetros from the HF's.

Any tips about this rig from anyone on BA would be appreciated.

Reply to:

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Email (home) n5off%w5ddl.aara.org@usl.edu
Email (work) tfma@chevron.com
Lafayette, LA
office 318-989-3430
home 318-984-2561

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 19:37:12 1994

From: JosephWP@aol.com

Subject: Re: R-389 manual, etc.

I'm new here so I did not recognize Paul's name. Sorry about that.

If you do find anything out about Consalvo, I would like to know. At one time he had quite a list (about the time that I lived in Alexandria, VA - the early 70s).

Joseph +

From ab4el.com Sat May 21 17:52:22 1994

From: Jack Taylor <n7oo@huachuca-emh8.army.mil>

Subject: R-390A and R-389

My observation is that the 'better' versions of the R-390A were made by Collins and Motorola. Some of the other contractors lightened up on the mechanical gear train assembly, which altho worked OK, wasn't quite the quality of the original design. I have had several R-390A's and never noticed any particular problems with the audio...but then I used the LS-3 600 Ohm speakers with them. I still have a unit made by Collins, serial number 642, and it has been an excellent performer.

Several years ago installed the 6BE6 product detector mod into one of the receivers. This of course made quite an improvement in SSB reception.

Recently someone in the group here posted the ballast replacement mod. This reminded me I recently donated a Collins R-389 to the local radio club for sale at their hamfest. This excellent receiver featured motor-

tuning and covered something like 10 KHz to 500 KHz and in size and weight, closely resembled the R-390 series. My particular unit is the only one I've ever seen and was missing the ballast tube, sigh... It didn't last long at the hamfest and I hope whoever got it was able to make use of it!

73 de Jack

From ab4el.com Fri May 20 02:54:20 1994
From: Jon Brown <jcbrown@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu>
Subject: Re: R390

>
> In article <mgalatz.1119748561C@198.7.0.1>, mgalatz@panix.com (Menachem
> Galatz DC) wrote:
>
> > Is there a mail order source of the old R390's
>
> There are several arround. One I know of is Fair Radio Sales
> in Lima, Ohio (419-227-6573). There's also
> someone who advertises in the classified section
> of Monitoring Times, but I don't have one handy.
>
> Bob Kalal
> The Ohio State University
>

I got my R-390A from Fair. They also sell R-390s and many other interesting things. Davilyn (1-800-235-6222) also sells R390s and R-390As; I haven't ever dealt with them. MilSpec Communications (401-783-7106) also overhauls, tunes up, services and sells these radios. They overhauled mine and I am very pleased with the results.

I have no connection with Fair or MilSpec except as a satisfied customer. Sincerely, Christopher Brown

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 11:59:48 1994
From: owens@stout.atd.ucar.edu (Chip Owens)
Subject: R4C manual

Emil, Please send me your email address so we can work out details on the R4C manual...I'm interested.

Chip Owens, NW00
Boulder, CO email: owens@stout.atd.ucar.edu

From ab4el.com Tue May 17 21:25:33 1994

From: "penson" <penson@geom.umn.edu>
Subject: request for photos

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HD-1481	Antenna switch
HD-1515	Phone patch
HD-1530	Touch-tone decoder
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HD-3006	RTTY tuning indicator (Crossfire)
HD-3030	RTTY TU
HD-4040	TNC
HFT-9	QRP antenna tuner

HK-232 TNC
HL-2200 Amplifier
HM-9 QRP wattmeter
HM-2141 VHF wattmeter
HO-5404 Monitor scope
HW-9 QRP transceiver
HW-10 6-meter transceiver
HW-2021 2-meter HT
HW-2026 2-meter transceiver
HW-5400 HF transceiver
HW-6502 2-meter HT
KL-1 Amplifier (Chippewa)
SA-1480 Remote antenna switch
SA-2040 Antenna tuner
SA-2060 Antenna tuner
SA-2500 Antenna tuner
SA-2550 Antenna tuner
SB-100 HF transceiver
SB-300 HF receiver
SB-303 HF receiver
SB-400 HF transmitter
SB-1000 Amplifier
VF-2031 2-meter HT
VF-7401 2-meter transceiver
VL-1180 2-meter amplifier
VL-2280 2-meter amplifier

If you have any questions, you know where to write! Thanks
in advance for any help on these.

Snail mail:

Chuck Penson
WA7ZZE
Box 2414
St Paul MN 55102

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From ab4el.com Thu May 19 22:10:01 1994
From: fmitchell@rdcclink.rd.qms.com
Subject: sell - heath/electro-voice model 638 mike

hi boatanchorites... mitch, wa4osr here in mobile, alabama...

well, subscribing to this group has done it to me... i swore that i
would not have any equipment with those round glass things inside that
glowed in the dark... but...

i am now the proud owner of *3* hallicrafters ha-1 t.o. keyers...

and, at the birmingham, alabama 'fest last weekend, i picked up a
heath hw-104... with heath/electro-voice model 638 mike... as i am
already the owner of a yaesu ft-1000d whose mic jack is still
virginal, i want to sell the electro-voice... any reasonable offer..

i think i will keep the hw-104 for when i get tired of the rice box...
as the hw-104 actually has real dial lights in bayonet sockets... so
it glows in the dark just like my t.o. keyer... (but it doesn't have
the pretty pink/purple glow of the oa2 and ob2 in the t.o. ...

and, fellow anchorites, i actually have the special edition vibrokeyer
with the base color flat hallicrafter gray!!!!

so, any offers on the mike???

mitch
wa4osr

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205-342-7259 home     | 205-476-4100 Work  
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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 12:59:48 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Subject: SU 0400UTC CWIST

As the midday winds past and clouds gently mass on the horizon,
I keep thinking about finger exercises, reaching for the talc block
and rolling a clean logsheet up into the old clankity mill.....
..... remembering also that last night was a quintessentially fine
night at the key, with the dx rolling in, the QRN down, and transcons
coming thru clear and crisp, methinks that it should be a find watch
at the key this evening for the CWISTS Friday Night Fist Function.

I had to replace a 20 year old 807 in the buffer that was weakening a
bit with extended use, its poor filament worked as far into the doldrums
a I cared to take it. So, with the osc 807 moved into the buffer and a
fresh 807 gently inserted into the osc socket, the 50 year old ancient
mariner is waiting to purr like a fine alternator on the watch tonight.
The keying relays were gently burnished with a silver disme of like
vintage and a fresh battery installed in the QSK circuits.....

Indeed, it begets a fine feeling in the bones tonight of fair winds,
calm seas, stars brightly illuminating the night sky, as we steam into
another fine evening on watch for the CWISTS Friday Night Fist Function.
See you there..... 3702.5/7102.5khz OMs/YLs.

73 SU SK DE NA4G..... ``Boatanchor Bob''

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 09:53:56 1994
From: "Bob Scott" <bob_scott@cpqm.saic.com>
Subject: Swan 350

Swan 350

I find myself the caretaker for a Swan 350 that has been cast
off by its owner. The power connector is missing with a bunch
of wires sticking out. I have the manual and schematic but no
power supply. It appears to contain all its tubes and parts,
less the power connector. A quick look at the manual makes me
think that my HW-101 power supply might be work with this.
I would like to hear from anyone that may have (or had) one as
to its relative worth. Not in dollars, but in usage. If it
is a decent rig, I will attempt to bring it back to life.
As always, thanks for your input.

73
Bob AC4QO

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 10:05:15 1994
From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (CONTRACTOR Larry Keith;653 CCSG/SCT)
Subject: Re: Swan 350

In your message of 18 May 1994 at 0928 EDT, you write:

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I used a Heath HP-23 to power the Swan 500C that I had back in the
70's. I am sure that it will work..

As to the "usability & desireability" of the rig, I will bet that
Laura can pass on a few words of wisdom..

73,
Larry, KQ4BY

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 16:06:20 1994
From: lhalliday@creo.bc.ca
Subject: Swan 350 feedback

In the process of learning our new email system I inadvertently dropped the original messages on the floor, but for the chap who is interested in a Swan 350 - I own one, use it, and find it a fine rig!

All Swan rigs follow the KISS philosophy (Keep It Simple, Stupid), and the schematic for mine looks like something out of an old ARRL Handbook. The 350 has a couple of transistors in the VFO, but is a firebottle rig in every other respect. Tubes to stock up on are the 6HF5 sweep tube finals (Antique Electronic Supply have them), and 7360 balanced modulator tubes (grab them where you can; they're getting scare and expensive). The 7360 isn't going to cook like the finals do, but is the heart of the transmitter. Some have been modified to take a 6JH8 (??? - my tube manual is at home), so check the numbers before shelling out on a spare 7360.

Once warmed up mine is stable and has very nice tuning via a smooth planetary drive. No RIT or fine tuning, but you very quickly develop the touch to tune SSB just fine. Useful options include the crystal calibrator (pretty well essential), the opposite sideband mod (the rig does LSB on 80 and 40, USB on 20, 15 and 10 from the factory), a little VOX unit that plugs in the back, and aftermarket high-performance filters - mine has a 16 pole crystal filter, and the selectivity is staggering. You can *just* hear the very loudest 41 meter shortwave broadcast stations on the wrong side of zero-beat; you can't hear anything else.

I keep meaning to write up my adventures installing the filter for QST, and have a first draft waiting for the dust to settle from my new job.

Ed G.: in the kafuffle of changing jobs I misplaced your address. Could you get in touch with me (email) please?

The rig works fine for CW, though when I crank it wide open (>300 Watts input) the lights dim when I key :-). There is a sidetone mod out there for the 350, and an outboard audio filter sharpens the passband nicely. Audio quality on SSB is great, thanks to the wider than usual filter passband. It sounds just like AM. Swan claim in excess of 400 Watts PEP input on SSB, and I don't doubt it. You can unbalance the modulator to fake AM, but I haven't tried it.

This is not a no-tune ricebox; you will (re-)learn very quickly how to peak grids and dip plates. I haven't needed to neutralize the finals yet, but understand it takes fast reflexes and nerves of steel.

This is a classic firebottle radio. Use it. Cherish it. Enjoy it.

73 from Burnaby,
laura VE7LDH

From ab4el.com Mon May 23 13:24:59 1994
From: QUACK <MUSCORJ@hsdwl.utc.com>
Subject: SX-26

I wonder if someone can supply me with a schematic for this model.
A friend of mine has one and the Xformer is on its way out.
A copy of the manual would be even nicer (with the schematic,natch).
Thanks.

Ron e-mail: "muscorj@hsdwl.utc.com"

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 00:24:27 1994
From: bill@rosevax.rosemount.com (William Hawkins)
Subject: There's an echo in here ...

Looks like csu.org is reflecting what it gets from geech.gnu.ai.mit.edu.
That's assuming that geech is supposed to send out boatanchor stuff to the list. Not everything is being reflected, but we're up to number 5 on Doug Snowden's request for VR tubes.

Is there a system administrator in the house?

Bill (just trying to be helpful)

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 01:51:41 1994
From: Jeffrey Herman <jherman@uhunix.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu>
Subject: Re: There's an echo in here ...

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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 09:48:10 1994
From: "J. D. Delancy" <k1zat@bah.com>
Subject: Re: There's an echo in here ...

....and I thought it was my double vision doing me in..

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From ab4el.com Fri May 20 13:27:37 1994
From: don merz <71333.144@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: Tubes For Sale

Radio Tubes For Sale and Wanted

CONTACT: Don Merz, N3RHT: 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
412-234-8819 (weekdays, EST).

TUBES WANTED

47	307A	801	812 (need 3)	5647 (need 10)	5899 (need 3)	Metal 6L6
807	5Z3	2A3	100TH			

TUBES FOR SALE

RARE TYPES: 245 and 345 globe types. Used, tested good: \$18 each
45 ST types. Used tested Good: \$13

ANTIQUe TUBE TYPES: \$3 each. Used, Tested, Guaranteed To Be Good.

2A5	2A6	3A3	6A7	6A8G	6C6	6D6	23	24	224	24A	25Z5	27	227
327	75	78	80	280	380	117Z6	483	485	885	1629	5823	5879	
6267													

Also \$3 Each: all metal 6xxx types.

ANTIQUe TUBE TYPES: \$4 each. Used tested, guaranteed to be good.

6A3	6U10	23	25Z6	26	38	41	43	46	51	57	71A	76	77
165R4	226	326	381	396A	403B	866A	2050A	5591	5751	6080	6082		
6883B	6973		7199	7355	8552								

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From ab4e1.com Mon May 23 11:41:02 1994

From: JosephWP@aol.com

Subject: Re: Unknown subject

The BC-639 is an AM receiver which operates from 100 - 156 Mc. Sensitivity is rates at 5mv to produce 10mw across a 600 Ohm load. Selectivity is rated at 130Kc at 6db down. Its was designed to work with power supplies such as the RA-42 or PE-100 dynamoter. Power required: 210 VDC @ 60ma and 6.3 VAC or DC @ 3.5 A.

Vintage early 50s.

Joseph +

From ab4e1.com Thu May 19 01:08:25 1994

From: devore@etec.com (Bill Devore)

Subject: unsubscribe

unsubscribe devore@etec.com

From ab4e1.com Thu May 19 09:07:12 1994

From: "Kasprzyk, Emil" <EFK@eng2.tracor.com>

Subject: Video rangers, etc.

I really don't consider Dick Clark's American Bandstand crowd to be video rangers. Actually Captain Video used to have a weekly TV program and his fans were referred to as video rangers or was that Captain Midnight? Program was sponsored by Ovaltine. Anyway many of us used the term to refer

to the CB gang that made their appearance in the late 1950s.

Anyone want to trade an R-390A for my secret decoder ring?

The person who used to made the infamous CQ asking for no lids, etc. was a fellow with a Polish last name and he did die while up on a utility pole. There was a write up on him in the SPAM magazine sometime back, as I remember.

The youngsters on the East coast used to get him now and then---they would operate from a club station with a W call sign and find a kid to talk to him who didn't sound like a kid. Then as they would finish the QSO they would let them know that they really were WB2XYZ and they were operating a club station. This was always fun because you KNEW there was a wide audience listening!

73 de Emil Kasprzyk, KC5IZ, video ranger 37566

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 15:16:21 1994

From: "Kenan, Larry" <larryk@frick.sandiegoca.NCR.COM>

Subject: Re: Video rangers, etc.

Ah yes, Captain Video - on the Dumont Television Network.

"...asks no quarter and gives none, to the forces of evil.

Well Video Rangers, you will remember in the last episode, Captain Video was challanged to a duel with Macro Volts by the wicked..."

From ab4el.com Tue May 17 21:35:51 1994

From: drs@ccd.harris.com (Doug Snowden)

Subject: VR Tubes

I'm building a screen supply for a linear amplifier and need a few VR tubes. Probably something like VR105 or similar - need about 300 volts. I have a few other tubes to trade - like 12AX7, 6BE6, etc. Some Drake line related tubes.

I plan on putting three in series for the 300volts.

Doug, N4IJ

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 22:09:50 1994

From: fmittchell@rdcclink.rd.qms.com

Subject: Want: Webster Band Spanner

hello fellow anchorites, mitch wa4osr here in mobile, alabama...

i am getting a new vehicle (new to me, anyway), and have decided to get a hf mobile rig... and what better antenna to run mobile than a webster band spanner... so if anyone has one in the closet gathering dust, i would appreciate you considering passing it on ...

thanks,
mitch

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From ab4el.com Thu May 19 10:16:14 1994
From: jkearman@arrl.org (Jim Kearman)
Subject: Wanted: BC-312

Looking for a BC-312 receiver, unmodified, in good to excellent condition. Guess I'll need a manual, too.

Email or phone.

jkearman@arrl.org
203-667-2568 (home)

73

Jim, KR1S

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 14:01:28 1994
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Jim, KR1S

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 21:30:36 1994
From: Fire Bottle archive handler <firebotl@jackatak.raider.net>
Subject: Re: What is the Quarter Century Wireless As

Roy (and the Gang)... Not a hip as Kool and the Gang, but whaddaya expect? ;^)

> Ok, I can't wait any longer. Here's the memory buster of the 50's:

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> mike? He had an S-20 signal in W1 land, and it always went "tick ... tock
> ... tick ... tock".
> (Mind you I don't remember his call, I just remember the ticking!)
He was a W1xx, and I can not remember it right off the top... I worked
him a bunch of times as a kid, and he was a regular on most of the
1-land Nets...

He actually shot himself one evening *during* the Net! Large caliber
round exploded, and the clock kept on tick-tock tick-tock... his mike
was locked on... Yow! That was something for a young pre-pubescent lad
new to radio...

Sheesh! Been a long while, but I can find out his name and call real
quick...I hope...

73,

Jack, W4PPT/Mobile (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657 -- all from the mobile! ;^)

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Where Old Radios and Fun ... GO TOGETHER!

+-----human interface: root@jackatak.raider.net -----+

From ab4el.com Thu May 19 00:42:38 1994
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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 01:31:20 1994

From: Fire Bottle archive handler <firebot1@jackatak.raider.net>

Subject: What is the Quarter Century Wireless Assoc?

> Hmm, I'll have to remember 'old buzzard'

Sheesh! How times change!

Just a year ago, I was gripin' and moanin' (a standard passtime of Old
Buzzards -- note the capitalization... it is a *proper* noun! ;^)

about what a bunch of old codgers were running the ARRL, and I was
reminded that anyone with a W by 3 callsign was BY DEFINITION, and Old
Buzzard! Sheesh! I remember when the Old Buzzards had ORIGINAL W x _2_
calls and remembered the days when the didn't have the damned W in
front! Gawd! Am I *that* old???? Is 52 around the bend? Over the hill?

Nah...

Mark says:

> my Dad gets classed

> as an 80m 'Norman' at the moment (tweed jacket & valves bore*)

Poor bugger must be all of 45! ;^) I'll never be an 80m 'Norman'
though... ask Larry and Jim... a flannel shirt and jeans is as dressed
as I get! ;^)
73,
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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 10:49:04 1994
From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>
Subject: Re: What is the Quarter Century Wireless Assoc?

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Roy, K1LKY, near 50.

Roy Morgan / Tech A-266 / NIST / Gaithersburg MD 20899
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From ab4el.com Wed May 18 13:57:04 1994
From: "James H. Haynes" <haynes@cats.ucsc.edu>
Subject: Re: What is the Quarter Century Wireless Assoc?

On Tue, 17 May 1994, Fire Bottle archive handler wrote:

> reminded that anyone with a W by 3 callsign was BY DEFINITION, and Old
> Buzzard! Sheesh! I remember when the Old Buzzards had ORIGINAL W x _2_
> calls and remembered the days when the didn't have the damned W in
> front! Gawd! Am I *that* old???? Is 52 around the bend? Over the hill?
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Well, I'm an Old Buzzard impersonator then, because my call sign W6JVE dates from the time when old call signs were being recycled. I was originally a K5; and when I moved to 6-land they gave me the current call.

But by now I'm 56 going on 15-1/2, so I'll probably be a real Old Buzzard soon enough.

From ab4el.com Wed May 18 16:22:34 1994

From: klaudon@PICA.ARMY.MIL

Subject: Re: What is the Quarter Century Wireless Association?

>I joined (first licensed as KN4NYW in 1961) because my QCWA badge is a bit
>of an ice-breaker when talking to older hams about boat-anchors at hamfests
>and other get-togethers.

>

>Actually, I also enjoy the bit of confusion it
>causes to have a new-fangled call like KD4CPL on a QCWA badge - and a
>QCWA sticker on my Porsche 944 turbo hamfest vehicle. Sometimes it helps
>loosen up people's attitudes about "danged no-coders lousing up the hobby"
>when they meet someone who has a "no-code" call but an Advanced ticket and
>an appreciation of boat-anchor technology.

>

>Nick KD4CPL, QCWA member

I didn't know that the Porsche 944 turbo came in a half-ton cargo version with drop tailgate (or side-entry cargo door)! Surely, this is the minimum to qualify for the term, "hamfest vehicle"?

(:+)##### beard, or for Kevin Anderson, it's one of those funky woolen ties we used to wear back in the early 80s - never throw out old ties - they'll always come back in style.

73,

Kalman WD6CZI

ex-WA1SUF, former kid, former WAXyyy, still a lid and I never could get the hang of being a space cadet..